

# They GO for the COACH

PC Student Athletes Often Come to Play for a Certain Coach. What if that Coach Leaves?

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RECRUITING

Gatorade Player of the Year candidate, ESPN First Team All-American, Star Ledger New Jersey Player of the Year, First Team All-State.

These are only a few of the awards that Brandon Adler '15 received as a high school soccer player. With awards and recognition such as these, Adler was able to choose from an array of colleges that recruited him to play soccer. Adler landed in Providence in the fall of 2011, mostly because of Chaka Daley.

Daley, a legendary coach in the Providence College Men's Soccer program, had been a star player at PC before becoming its head coach, a position he held for 12 years. He was locked into a five-year contract with the school that was signed in August of 2011.

Unbeknownst to the Providence College community and the Providence College Men's Soccer Team—including Adler, the star player he recruited—Daley breached that contract and resigned from PC to accept the head coaching job at the University of Michigan. This shocking decision came on December 23—while the athletes were

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## Providence Hosts Largest Cheerleading Competition in New England

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LOCAL NEWS

Visitors to the Providence Place Mall on January 28 and 29 may have been confused as to why a small army of girls clad in crop tops, hair bows, curls, and glitter appeared to have taken over the mall. The girls (and a few boys) were all star cheerleaders competing in the Athletic Championships that weekend, seeking to win national titles and a bid to the United States All Star Federation (USASF) Cheerleading Worlds this April in Orlando, Florida. The competition awarded two fully-paid bids and six at-large bids to the World Championships. A bid is an opportunity for a team to compete for a world championship, and a fully-paid bid means that the event producer will completely pay for the team to travel and compete at Cheerleading Worlds. An at-large bid means that a team will have to pay to compete.

Athletic Championships is the largest all star cheerleading

competition in the northeastern United States and the largest opportunity for cheerleaders to earn a bid to Worlds. Nearly 200 teams competed over the weekend in competitions that lasted nearly 12 hours each day. Each team performed their routine twice; once on each night. The team's score on the second day of the competition was worth 75 percent of their final score.

Paid bids were awarded to the Shooting Stars of World Cup Allstars from Freehold, N.J. and to the Superstars from Sparks Allstars of Avon, Mass. At-large bids were awarded to All Star Legacy's Small Senior 5, East Celebrity Elite's Medium Coed and International Coed teams, South Jersey Storm "Avalanche," Spirit Central "Bengals," and Star Athletics "Senior Red."

All star cheerleaders do not serve as entertainment during athletic games or serve a certain team. They exist solely to compete a two-minute and 30-second routine for a panel of judges. It's "a highly intricate combination of tumbling skills and acrobatic skills wrapped up in a big show," said Derek

Johnson, a coach of several Sparks All Stars teams.

He continued, "It is the perfect marriage of athletics and beauty at the same time."

Despite the name "cheerleading," athletes do not actually say a cheer during their routine and there are no pom-poms or megaphones used during the competition. Cheerleaders are on teams based on their ages—ranging from "tiny" cheerleaders under the age of five to "open" teams with no upper age limit, ability level, and number of males on the team.

Team ability levels range from one to six, with level six limited to college-aged athletes. Each ability level has certain restrictions on the skills the athletes are allowed to throw—for example, in level two, an athlete may only perform back handsprings, whereas in level three they can perform back tucks in addition to back handsprings.

Two teams competed in the "special needs" division. Special needs teams

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R-E-S-P-E-C-T

We were thrilled to read the letter submitted by our friend and fellow senior Marc Capuano this week (page 14). In it, he raises a pertinent point about the importance of respect. Marc stresses the need for us, as students, to give our professors the respect they deserve. He says that one of the best ways to show this respect is by simply trusting them—letting them do their jobs as educators and professionals and run the class the way they see fit.

At the risk of parroting an elementary school assembly, it seems that a lot of us could use a refresher course in the art of respect. After all, it's a big deal. We see this problem both within our own community—Capuano's student-professor dynamic being a prime example—and in society at large.

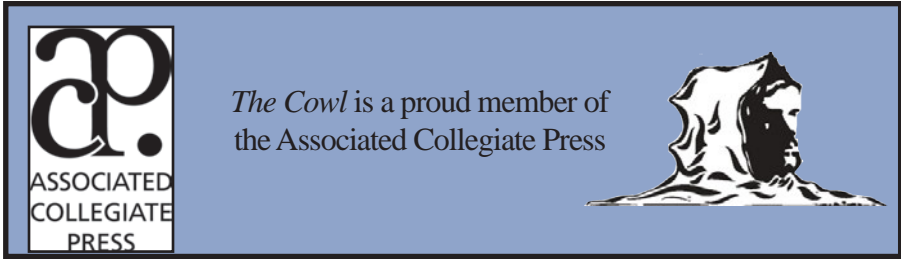
The two of us often reflect on our days as freshmen writers on *The Cowl*, and laugh when we admit how timid we were around our elders—we never would have *dared* to criticize the work they were doing. We think Marc would agree with us when we say that the freshman who openly criticized his professor should take a page out of the book of younger Catherine and Chris. He should understand that his professor is, frankly, smarter than he is, and should be free to run his class the way he sees fit without the unfair criticism of a student.

Like it or not, it's time to start clamming up and listening to our elders. Their advice is worth your respect—after all, they have the experience to back it all up.

Respect isn't about compulsive agreement. We're free to make our own decisions—and our own mistakes. Respect is about tolerance. Do your best to understand the opinion of your fellow human beings—particularly those who have reign over your GPA.

—C.S. & C.N.

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# Congress Allocates \$98k to Commencement

by **Andres Taborda '15**  
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STUDENT CONGRESS

Student Congress was back in action this week, tackling budget issues and proposing legislation regarding printing on campus. In the hour-long meeting, Congress passed one piece of legislation and introduced two additional pieces.

Briefly after the opening of the meeting, Annie Melia '12, executive vice president, awarded Hannah Wallace '12 the "Member of the Month" award.

"It is hard to give this award in January, considering that we are here for two weeks," she said. "However, Hannah has done a lot of work, especially over break, and she deserves this award."

It was announced that the PC Student Alumni Association will be sponsoring a mitten drive in the coming weeks. Members will promote the event by placing donation boxes throughout campus buildings and residence halls.

The class of 2015 reported that it has begun planning for the annual freshman Snowball. While the event was supposed to be held on February 24, it seems as though it will be postponed until late March due to scheduling conflicts.

Mark Caprio '14 reported that the sophomore class had an initial conference with its Junior Ring Weekend committee. "We had a successful meeting," he said.

The committee is expected to continue meeting with members of the

class to plan the events for next fall.

The various committees also reported different news items and initiatives around campus. Student Life announced that the lower campus store formerly known as the "C-Store" is now "Friar Buyer" after a naming contest was held through Sodexo.

The Academics Committee reported that it is working on diversifying the theology courses offered at the College as well as working to change the

**“DR. STEVEN SEARS...REPORTED TO THE CONGRESS THAT RACIAL GRAFFITI HAD BEEN FOUND...”**

academic calendar. The change would make Thanksgiving break an entire week instead of a five-day weekend. The committee claimed to have good rationale behind its proposal and agreed to report to Congress on its progress.

Clubs and Organizations reported that there were many applications for proposed clubs. The committee will review all applications. All clubs were asked to reapply in order to meet with the finance committee for budget purposes.

Dr. Steven Sears, dean of students, reported to the Congress that racial graffiti had been found in Aquinas Hall.

"We will have a floor meeting where the incident occurred," he said. Sears also reported that Kristine Goodwin, vice president of Student Affairs, would send out an e-mail to notify the entire community about what had happened. The incident is still under investigation.

The Congress took on one piece of old business, SCR 62-02, which allocated funds to the student organizations. The organizations that benefited most from this resolution

were Commencement, taking in \$98,000; Board of Programmers, taking in \$59,000; and the Board of Multicultural Student Affairs, taking in \$28,000.

The resolution passed unanimously and was adopted by Congress.

SCR 62-05 was presented as new business. This resolution would bring printing to lower campus by installing a wireless Xerox printer in Davis Hall near the Friar Buyer. During the debate, it was discussed that the location of Davis Hall was chosen over Suites Hall because it would be more cost efficient for this pilot program and also because the entire student body has access to this part of Davis Hall, while access to Suites is limited to residents. Members also argued that this would increase traffic to the Friar Buyer.

The legislation would make the resident assistants responsible for making sure the printer is functioning and has paper while making their daily rounds on duty. Friar Buyer staff

would check on the printer during their normal hours of operation.

Due to cost, the printer that would be installed would only print, unlike the other Xerox machines on campus that print, copy, scan, and e-mail.

Proponents of the legislation also argued that the school has failed to inform the student body on how to install and use the campus wireless printers from their personal computers. The legislation would require class presidents to send students the links via e-mail with instructions on how to download the software necessary for wireless printing.

Wallace '12, a sponsor of the legislation, informed the Congress that if this program were successful, the College would look into installing wireless printers in the residence halls throughout campus.

SCR 62-06 was also introduced as new business. This legislation would mandate all professors in the Department of Education to inform students on all syllabi where and when they can print for their practicum for free.

No vote was taken on SCRs 62-05 and 62-06.

## This Week In Congress

### Old Business

No. SCE-62-02 Concerning financial allocations to eligible clubs - Passed

### New Business

No. SCE-62-05 Concerning a printer installed on lower campus  
No. SCE-62-06 Concerning procedures in the Department of Education

# Reconciling the New Alarm Systems Rumors

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CAMPUS NEWS

Ten thousand dollars could buy a used car, a new wardrobe, and a Rolex. Ten thousand dollars could also pay for a substantial amount of school tuition, help a family in need, or contribute to cancer research. Ten thousand dollars is also what students are speculating is the fee billed to Providence College every time the Providence Fire Department is called to the school through the new alarm system.

Although the cost seems rather steep, and maybe would be better spent somewhere else, students can rest assured that all rumors of this kind of reckless spending are false. Major Leyden repudiated the outrageous fee and rumors.

These whispers began with the installment of the new door alarm systems in the residence halls. Last semester, the Office of Safety and Security put in alarms in the front doors of residence halls to serve as further protection for each building's residents. The alarms were installed in response to both students and workers propping open the doors for extended periods of time. PC is an open campus, which means almost anyone can easily get onto campus from the streets. When the doors are left open, it is easy for any unauthorized person to make his way into a residence hall and steal, or even injure, a student.

The alarms are audible and local; therefore, a student or an intruder propping open a door is aware when he sets the alarms off. The alarms are activated if a door is left open for 90 seconds or longer. "I think that it is a

good idea, but we need more than 90 seconds before it goes off," said Kristin Bloomer '13. "There should be more time to let us move in and out."

Major Leyden stated that the usual flow of traffic in and out of a building keeps the doors open for no more than 30 or 40 seconds, so the alarms

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should not be an issue in everyday life. Some students are concerned with the exceptions such as move-in days after breaks and the toiling task of hauling groceries in and out of buildings.

"I don't think 90 seconds is a long enough time," said Valerie Notarstefano '13. "People hold the door for that long in between classes, for bringing in groceries, and moving other things in."


When an alarm is set off, PC Security is alerted and responds to the building to secure the door. The Providence Fire Department is not alerted and does not bill the school \$10,000. The Fire Department only bills the school when it comes out in response to a non-fire. Most of the rumors that surfaced in response to the alarms were erroneous and taken out of context. Not all students find the alarm system an inconvenience; "I know these things are put in place for our own safety," said Brendan Schindel '14, "and in the end, it could prevent something bad from happening."

The alarm installation is one of many innovations and safety measures PC security is taking this year. "We are just trying to keep the residence halls safer and prevent unauthorized access to the residence halls," said Major Leyden.

Security has been continuing to add video cameras throughout campus to increase security and keep unauthorized or dangerous persons out of student areas. The Office of Safety and Security has also been checking the lighting around campus to ensure the safety of students walking around campus alone at night. The major changes security has made to its safety policies is the prohibition of food delivery and taxi services to make drop-offs and pick-ups at residence halls. All of the efforts made, which are seemingly inconvenient to some students, are to ensure the


maximum security of all students in their rooms and common areas.

There are fewer objections to the new alarm system than there were to the food delivery rules. There has not been much feedback, negative or positive, to the Office of Safety and Security. Students have called to check on the alarm systems. Residence Life hall directors have the power to monitor the number of times the alarms have been activated in a building and for what reasons. "We continue to maintain a safe campus and look at different options as we move forward," said Major Leyden on the decisions and efforts of the Office of Safety and Security.



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# CHEER: Shooting Stars Win Grand Champs, Full Paid Bid to World Comp

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consist of athletes of all age levels with physical or mental disabilities, and are limited to level three skills.

Only senior and older age-level athletes competing on level 5 and 6 teams are eligible for bids to Worlds.

Teams from as far away as Ohio and Virginia competed at the competition, in addition to several local teams from Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut. The most heavily anticipated team of the competition was the Shooting Stars of World Cup. This team won the USASF Worlds in the large senior all-girl division in 2007, 2008, and 2009. The arena filled with fans eager to see the Stars perform, and the team did not disappoint. The Stars performed “perfect” performances each night of the competition, despite an injury to a team member in warm-ups on the second night, and captured the highest score of the competition each night, winning the title of Grand Champions.

The most heavily competitive divisions were small senior level 5 (all-girl), with nine teams competing, small senior coed level 5, and international open coed level 5, each with eight teams competing. The winner of small

senior level 5 was the “Bengals” from Spirit Central, the winner of small senior coed level 5 was “The Pros” from Pro Athletics, and the winner of international open coed level 5 was East Celebrity Elite. Medium coed level 5 also had a very tough competition, as all four teams were extremely talented and the scores were very close.

The competition also raised over \$1500 dollars for the “LYMI” (I Love You and Mean It) fund to support a coach from East Celebrity Elite in Connecticut who was recently diagnosed with cancer. Coach Amy “AJ” Jones was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer in 2011. The competition played a video describing Coach AJ’s fight, and how a clinical trial could save her life. Athletic Championships staff members then went around collecting donations to help out Coach AJ. Other cheerleading competitions throughout the nation are collecting money to support the LYMI fund, something Johnson described as a “fraternity of coaches, athletes and families” coming together.

Summing up the weekend, Johnson said “This (was) a great opportunity to compete against the best. We were able to gauge our teams against some of the best teams in the Northeast.”

# DALEY: Leaving Hurts PC

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on break.

Adler is still here. Daley is not. What does this mean for the players and the program? Coaches are known to be the big draw for athletes coming to college. It was no different with Adler.

“Chaka [Daley] played a huge role in getting me to come to Providence. I felt I could really relate to him as a soccer player because he was a fellow defenseman, and I felt I could learn a lot from him and take my game to the next level,” Adler explains. “When I went on my unofficial visit to Providence, he made me feel at home and I definitely felt that I could picture myself being at Providence College.”

Daley was known for his ability to change a program. Before he became the head coach at PC, the men’s soccer program was mediocre, at best. Under Daley’s reign, the team made the NCAA Tournament four times in the past six years. It made it to the Big East Championship Final in 2010 for only the second time in school history. With the program he was running becoming a national power, it should be no surprise that playing for the respected coach Daley was a huge draw for athletes.

“The soccer program has done well in the Big East and has made the NCAA Tournament two years in a row. The school in general is highly regarded throughout the North East Region,” Adler says. “I came to Providence College because of the coaching staff; especially Chaka Daley.”

Losing a stellar coach like Daley can be detrimental to a program. Gaining one, like Ed Cooley, is tremendous.

Cooley, the PC-adored men’s basketball coach, was new to the program in March 2011. The students and community have embraced him, as have future players. Providence has landed four solid recruits in the past few months, including sharp shooter Josh Fortune, 6’8’ Arizona transfer

Sidiki Johnson, Ricardo Ledo (No. 19 ESPN ranked recruit and who many think as the best guard in the class), and the best point guard in the class in McDonald’s All-American Kris Dunn. All of these recruits had schools such as the University of Connecticut, University of Kentucky, Syracuse University and Georgetown University recruiting them. Like Adler chose Daley, these recruits have chosen Cooley. As Johnson told Five Star Basketball on his decision to attend PC, “Coach Cooley is a really good guy and I like the way he’s rebuilding the program up there.”

The impact an outstanding coach can have on a program is immeasurable, especially at a smaller school such as Providence, and especially when it comes to recruiting. The PC name does not carry the weight of some of the bigger name schools, such as Syracuse or Georgetown—schools that are consistently nationally ranked and whose names do the recruiting for them. Yet, with the power of Coach Cooley’s recruiting, Providence currently has the 11th ranked recruiting class in the country according to ESPN.

Coaches hold the power in an athletic organization. Though Providence lost a coach in Chaka Daley, the national search is on for a new head coach. With the skilled players that stayed behind and the now-tradition of excellence, the PC men’s soccer team is looking forward to a new chapter. “I am definitely excited for the next chapter of our career with a new coach because we get to build a new relationship with the coach, and hopefully he can teach us things that will improve our game,” Adler says. “As a team, we hope he will make an immediate impact, and push us to become the best team that we can.” Coaches play a huge role in getting recruits to a program. Though Chaka Daley is gone, the players and athletic program are confident that a new coach will continue the tradition of excellence.

# PC TV President Cachecho Helps Club Expand Nearly 60 Percent

by Jeff DiLeo ’14  
News Staff

## CLUB PRESIDENT SPOTLIGHT

Alex Cachecho ’12, a health policy and management major and the president of Providence College Television (PCTV), has certainly not taken the straightest path to campus, as this is the third college he has attended. He began his collegiate career at Massachusetts Maritime Academy, and from there he transferred to Pennsylvania State University.

As a sophomore, he finally decided to call Providence College his home, saying he wanted to come back to Rhode Island (he originally grew up in the small local town of Tiverton, R.I.).

Alex’s family currently lives in Philadelphia, where they moved just after his freshman year of high school. Regardless of geography, he now says he would not be the person he is today without his soon-to-be alma mater.

He said, “PC as a community shaped who I am.” The senior continued, “Dr. Sears guided me a lot last year, as did Dr. Hackey from the health policy management department. Both of them got me to succeed here and to the point where I am now.” In general, he said, “It’s really everyone around me; the way I work with them and they work with me.”

Alex pointed out that he never wanted to get into communications, but when he arrived on campus he decided to get back into the groove of things, as during high school he had made homemade videos on his laptop. With this, throughout his sophomore and junior years he rapidly rose through the ranks and was eventually voted this year’s president by the club’s executive board.

The senior’s impact on the organization has been substantial. PCTV has doubled its weekly content from what it was in 2007, when the club first started. Now, it produces

eight hours of new live and post-production content. He said, “We’re also in the process of building a new Web site, which should be up and running by the end of this coming week, so all of our videos will be posted online. There’ll be full access to every department (Sports, News, Entertainment, and Publicity).”

Its members are working on live streaming and recording a new political show, sports show, and sporting events, which will all be online.

“That brings us off the television per se because if you look at the student body, nobody’s watching T.V. anymore. Our membership has increased by nearly 60 percent.” School administrators including Dr. Sears, dean of students, and Fr. Shanley, President of the College,

as well as various other administrators have come to the organization and acknowledged the good work PCTV is doing.

He describes himself as being very social, easy to get along with, and a leader.

Cachecho said, “I put a lot of trust in my executive board because I know they can do the job. Otherwise, I wouldn’t have chosen them.” He also credits his parents for his success, saying, “They’re real go-getters. They’ve

pushed me my whole life, which has allowed me to be where I am today. If it weren’t for them, I probably would’ve quit two years ago and dropped out of college.” He now says he will either be attending graduate school or entering the work force after graduation.

He concluded by saying, “Just seeing my accomplishments getting somewhere, now that it’s my last semester of college and I can see where my leadership in PCTV and the sailing team have gotten me; it is such a rewarding feeling.”

He encourages all interested in any aspect of the club to e-mail him or stop by the office anytime for more information.



TED PHILLIPS '12

Cachecho stands by his camera in the PCTV office in lower Slavin.

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# College to Search for New Assistant Chaplain

by Micaela Cameron '13  
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CAMPUS MINISTRY

Students at Providence College will soon see two new faces on campus. The College will be receiving new additions to the Campus Ministry staff. Currently, Campus Ministry consists of Fr. James Cuddy, O.P., as chaplain; Fr. Tom Ertle, O.P., as assistant chaplain; and three members of the lay staff, two campus ministers and the director of liturgical music.

When Cuddy joined the staff at the College in 2009, the second assistant chaplain was reassigned and never replaced. Since that time, the position has remained open.

“There’s a certain amount of work we have that we are able to get done, but more we are unable to do. The problem is a lack of resources with the staff. That problem will be taken care of on July 1, when we welcome two new members to the staff,” said Cuddy.

One of the positions to be filled is that of the second assistant chaplain. The addition of this position does not represent a growth in staff, but rather the filling that has remained empty for some time.

The Dominican order is worldwide, with headquarters situated in Rome. The order is broken up into 35 regions, called provinces. The Master of the Order has jurisdiction over the entire order while Provincials oversee the various provinces. All Dominicans belong to particular provinces, and within these provinces are various

placements in which Dominicans may be called to serve.

The Provincial of each province assigns each Dominican brother to a specific place, whether it is a parish or a college. The Provincial looks at the needs of the communities, as well as brothers who are available to be assigned. The Provincial then considers the strengths and weaknesses of a brother who seems to be an appropriate candidate, talks to the brother in order to gauge his opinion on his assignment, and finally makes a decision on where to send him.

When hiring a new assistant chaplain, the Provincial will assign a Dominican brother and set up consultations with those already staffed within Campus Ministry to hear their opinions on the potential candidate.

The new position that has been added to Campus Ministry is a Campus Minister for Service and Social Justice. Currently, Richard Lumley serves as a full-time lay professional campus minister who oversees social justice-related service at the College. Creating this new position will expand and enhance all of the service activities already available at the College related to social justice. Unlike the hire of the new assistant chaplain, the creation of this position will signify growth in the department.

The need to fill these two positions at the College came after a data collection process was performed. In collecting data, the College spoke to 1,700 members of the PC community, consisting mainly of

students, in order to learn about these individuals’ experience with Catholic and Dominican-related issues. As a result, it became clear that the majority of the students at the College come to know God and grow in their faith through experiences of service. These experiences of service include local acts, such as teaching English as a second language and volunteering at nursing homes, to larger scale trips, such as alternative spring break and Habitat for Humanity.

As a result, the College realized that bringing in a new campus minister will allow for an increase in local opportunities in service as well as a wider variety of those opportunities. It will also allow for expansion and further development in the immersion trip programs. Cuddy said that Campus Ministry hopes to have more of these types of trips nationally and internationally in order to give students more opportunities to come to serve, love, and know God as well as their brothers and sisters.


The candidates for the campus minister position have been involved in college campus ministry before and have degrees in theology or other subjects relating to the position.

The candidates will go through an interview process, and the College will invite a few of the final candidates to campus to interact with students. A candidate’s ability to interact with the student body plays a large factor in the final hiring decision. The final

candidates will be determined prior to spring break, and both the campus minister and the assistant chaplain will join the staff and begin work on July 1.

“The idea of Campus Ministry is to provide opportunities for every student to grow in their relationship with God, not just some students...As our staff grows, I’m excited that we’ll be able to provide more opportunities for more students to come into that loving relationship with God and one another,” said Cuddy.

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## Supply of NFL Jerseys Dwindles as Super Bowl Approaches

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UNITED STATES

The New York Giants and the New England Patriots played in the Super Bowl four years ago, when Eli Manning led the underdog Giants to one of the greatest Super Bowl wins in National Football League history. This week, the two teams landed in Indianapolis, the site of Super Bowl XLVI, in preparation for a rematch of that exhilarating game.

Tom Coughlin of the Giants and Bill Belichick of the Patriots remain the head coaches in this matchup, and Eli Manning and Tom Brady remain their starting quarterbacks and team leaders. But many of the key players in this matchup are new to the teams and to the league. Victor Cruz received the third most yards in the league for the Giants, and Rob Gronkowski caught 17 touchdowns, tying a record for the most touchdowns by a tight end.

"There aren't really a lot of us coaches and players who were involved in that game, and very few players, in relative terms, between both teams," Belichick on the similarities between the upcoming game and the one just four years ago.

But there is one huge difference regarding the fans' involvement and contribution to the game: some fans may find it difficult to locate in stores their favorite player's jersey, most likely one of those new players, to wear with pride during the game. The reason is that there

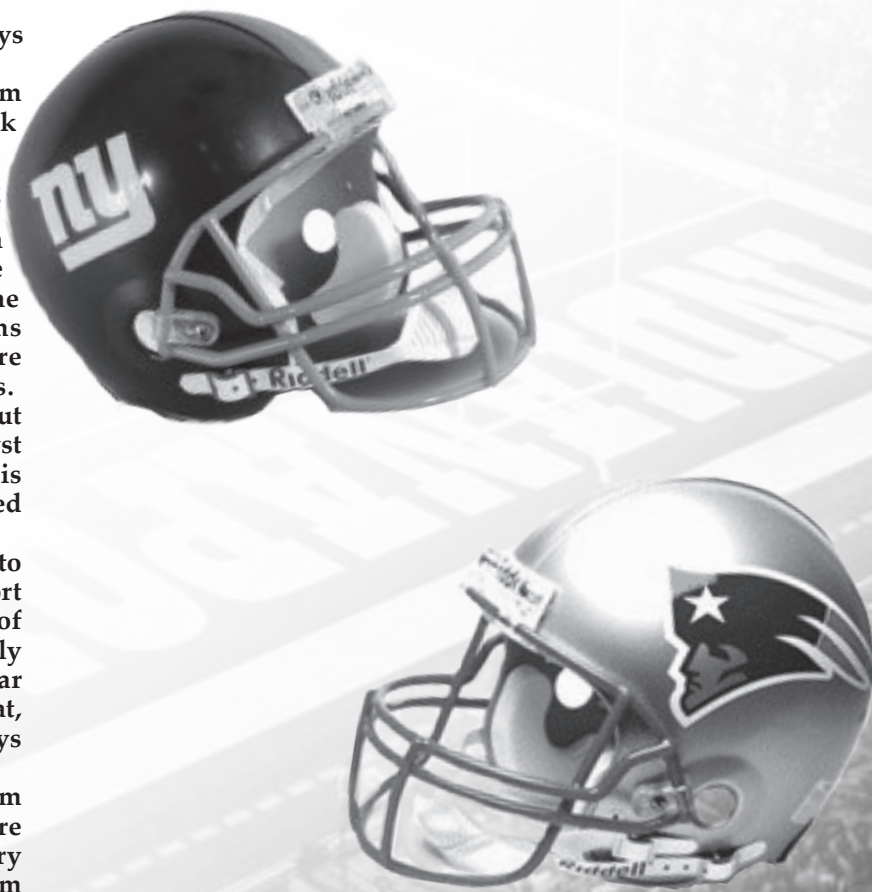
currently is a shortage of NFL jerseys around the league.

The supplier of NFL official team jerseys will switch from Reebok to Nike in April of this year. In preparation for the switch, Reebok has minimized its inventory of official licensed jerseys, and although sales for most teams' jerseys are relatively low the week before the Super Bowl, fans of the two teams who will be dueling next Sunday are demanding jerseys at increasing rates.

"Reebok is intentionally running out of product," said Matt Powell, an analyst for SportsOneSource Group, which is responsible for tracking sales of licensed sporting goods apparel.

Powell did bring some good news to these consumers who long to support their favorite NFL players. Because of the diminishing rate of Reebok's yearly sales, down to \$350 million this past year from \$500 million the year before that, fans will most likely find the jerseys they want on sale.

The shortage may be causing alarm amongst some fans the week before the Super Bowl, but others are very optimistic about the switch from Reebok to Nike. And the demand for commemorative T-shirts and caps proves to be much stronger before the Super Bowl than jerseys.



## Dangerous Breast Implants Show Increased Risk of Rupture

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INTERNATIONAL

Jean-Claude Mas, the former CEO and founder of Poly Implant Protheses (PIP), faces charges of involuntary injury due to his firm's manufacture of breast implants that contained substandard ingredients. The implants have sparked a health scare for over 300,000 women in 65 countries believed to have supposedly been given the faulty materials. Once the world's third-largest distributor of implants, PIP went bankrupt in 2010 after the implants were banned following the discovery that they contained industrial-grade gel, which has more contaminants than the medical-grade gel that should have been used. CNN reported that Mas apparently authorized a formula for wealthier clients which contained a high-end American-made medical silicone while simultaneously allowing the production of a "house formula" intended for everyone else. The so-called "house formula" was made out of cheap industrial silicone meant for usage in mattresses, which allowed the company to cut costs and boost profits.

In late December 2011, French authorities caused a worldwide alert when they advised over 30,000 women that they had been fitted with potentially defective implants and that they should have them removed. Health officials from Germany, the Czech Republic, and Venezuela have also advised women to have their PIP implants removed as a medical precaution while the United Kingdom says that only those experiencing such symptoms as pain or tenderness should have them removed. Tests have not shown increased levels of toxicity in the industrial-grade gel, but mechanical testing has shown that the implant covers have an increased risk of rupturing. Many of the affected women are having the implants removed as a precaution rather than risking having a ruptured implant which can cause inflammation, scarring, and fibrosis.

California plastic surgeon Dr. Grant Stevens told CNN about the potential health risks that could be caused because "[T]he PIP industrial silicone has many contaminants," but he added: "[W]e're not sure just how many...we can't be sure what can go wrong. We know there's an increased incidence of inflammation; we're not certain of other health risks, but we certainly have concerns about cancer and other

toxic exposures." Stevens also makes it clear that women should not wait for the implants to rupture before having them removed. "Waiting until an MRI is positive is like saying wait to run for cover until after a bomb goes off. If you know something is going to happen, you would try to remove the risk," Stevens says. "I think it is incumbent on all women, regardless of their government's stance, to recognize that they have a flawed, defective silicone product in their chest, and they have a shell that is containing it that is also flawed. They need to remove these implants, or remove and replace them."

Though PIP silicone implants were never licensed in the United States, the implants were widely used across Europe and South America. Women from around the world get implants either for cosmetic reasons or in reconstructive surgery following treatment for breast cancer. Many women, such as Rowena Mackintosh, are concerned about the long term impacts on their health. She told CNN that "[I]t's like a ticking time bomb inside me. When you go to the doctor, you don't say 'who makes your medicine?'—you just assume it's going to be safe. To think that I've

got mattress silicone inside me, and God knows what else they used, it's disgusting."

Since PIP went bankrupt, all assets from the company have been liquidated, leaving it up to the national governments to choose whether they will assist the costs for removal and replacement. In France, the government offered to pay both for removal and replacement while other countries such as Venezuela will cover removal costs but not replacements. Bioethicist Arthur Caplan told CNN that it would be more financially beneficial for governments, especially those with nationalized health care systems, to remove the implants now rather than wait to see if there are any problems. "If these things do turn out to be nasty, and do cause health problems, the bill for that is going to be big, and every government that has a nationalized system is going to pay, so it may be smarter, just on prudential grounds, to take them out now, avoiding what could be a huge financial disaster down the line. On the whole, I think it makes more sense, ethically and in terms of economic risk, to get these things out at public expense."

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# British Students Performing Poorly, Test Scores Dismal

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ENGLAND

England’s education proves insufficient for numerous struggling students. Government data suggests that the majority of schools are failing to help students who are behind in subject material for their grade level and age. BBC reports that only 6.5 percent, or one in 15, of those behind students will go on to earn five good GCSEs, including English and mathematics. Even approximately 45.6 percent of individuals who start school at the expected level for their age, earning Level 4 at the end of primary school, fail to earn five good GCSEs.

In contrast, however, 95 percent of pupils who start school ahead for their age, achieving Level 5 at the end of primary school, obtain the GCSE goal. Nationally, 58.2 percent of pupils reach that goal of five good GCSEs, showing that there is a widening gap in England’s education.

GCSE stands for General Certificate of Secondary Education; these GCSEs are academic qualifications awarded in specific subjects such as languages, sciences, mathematics, and history. Typically, students ages 14 to 16 take the qualification exams. The Department for Education, which covers over 5,000 secondary schools within England, has concluded that students from disadvantaged backgrounds, including those individuals on free school meals or those in local authority care, perform worse on the tests. Disadvantaged students are not always provided with the same opportunities as their peers, and many pupils are not demonstrating their capability because of the lack in educational assistance.

Christine Blower, general secretary



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Pictured above: Parliament, where the British government meets to pass legislation.

for the National Union of Teachers, explains that the social inequalities with which children start school increase as they progress through their educational careers. “Instead of focusing on changing school structures and on the pointless naming and shaming of schools, the government should be ensuring that all schools have the resources and support they need for all pupils to reach their full potential,” Blower explains.

Not only does the government need to involve itself in the significant education problem, but teachers should also strive to continually improve their lessons and teaching techniques for the benefit of students. Schools should not settle for mediocre performances from students or teaching professionals. More personalized curriculums and individualized guidance can help remedy the current inadequate schooling situation. Overall, the low GCSE scores can be linked to the government, educational institutions, professionals, students, and social background; all parties have a responsibility to ensure that educational and resource needs are met.

# Company Goes Bankrupt After Taking Public Money

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UNITED STATES

Ever since President Obama’s 2008 election, his campaign supporting clean energy has been clear, although increasingly controversial. Ener1, an electric car battery maker and parent company of EnerDel, announced its decision to file for bankruptcy on January 26th, 2012. Only three years after receiving a \$118.5 million grant from the federal government as part of Obama’s billion-dollar stimulus plan, Ener1 points to a stagnancy in the electric car business as the catalyst of its “voluntary bankruptcy”, and promises that business operations will eventually carry on as usual, reports CNN. Unlike fellow federal loan recipient, the now-bankrupt solar energy company Solyndra, Ener1 does not plan to initiate lay-offs of any kind, and assures subsidiaries such as EnerDel, EnerFuel, and EnerTech will not be affected.

Promising that company restructuring would allow Ener1 to reduce its debt while generating approximately \$81 million in capital spending, the Department of Energy awarded Ener1 a \$118.5 million grant in 2009, as part of a \$2.4 billion dollar clean energy stimulus effort. According to CNN, Ener1 CEO Alex Sorokin claimed, “We expect the new funding to provide ample liquidity for our subsidiaries to meet their ongoing obligations to employees, customers, and suppliers.” Now bankrupt, the Department of Energy justifies their blunder by affirming the strength of Ener1’s intellectual property, saying “... [their] technology has merit”.

However, critics of the Obama administration’s complacency question this technology. Facing the expertise



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The Ener1 corporation took a large subsidy from the government, but subsequently went bankrupt.

of Asian electric energy firms, Ener1’s business model, research efforts, and restructuring plan just cannot compete. CNN reports of stimulus plan critics pointing the finger at President Obama, funding three now-bankrupt energy companies with taxpayer money. In a recent statement, Republican Cliff Sterns, a Florida representative, laments, “Sadly, the Department of Energy’s job record seems to grow worse by the day... It is American taxpayers who are paying the price.” Playing a key role in last Tuesday’s State of the Union Address, President Obama stood defiantly behind his crusade for clean energy, and refusing to take any responsibility for the demise of Ener1, Solyndra, or Beacon Power. Obama explained, “Some technologies don’t pan out, some companies fail. But I will not walk away from the promise of clean energy”, reported CNN.

Although the Obama administration’s intentions for superior clean energy are clear, it seems the performance of heavily government funded energy companies should be more closely monitored- or the struggle for clean energy may never end.

# Pentagon is Victim of Budget Butchery

## Obama Administration Puts Defense Cuts On The Table

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UNITED STATES

Since 9/11, no one in Washington, D.C. has dared to argue for cuts to the defense budget. In a world plagued by fear of the constant threat of terrorist plots, to cut the defense budget was to subject the United States to an inevitable attack. More importantly, however, to the ever politically-conscious members of Congress, to be in support of cutting the defense budget was to simultaneously support the terrorists themselves.

Yet, with the rotten fiscal health of the U.S. steadily overtaking the terrorist threat as the biggest threat to national security, leadership in Washington, D.C. is beginning to examine all the options. In fact, *Politico* reports, “Defense Secretary Leon Panetta on Thursday laid out plans to shrink all four of the military services to meet the Pentagon’s required contribution to reducing the national debt, while insisting that the nation’s armed forces would still remain the world’s best.”

“The new cuts were designed by Pentagon planners to be in line with President Obama’s strategy for a smaller—but tech-savvy and more mobile—force that could still confront terrorists around the world, maintain a presence in the Middle East, deter the nuclear ambitions of Iran and North Korea, and counter a rising China in the western Pacific,” reports *Politico*.

The more specific plans include the



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Above: the Pentagon, the headquarters of the Department of Defense. The Pentagon is the locus of the American military.

Army dropping from 565,000 troops to 490,000, and the Marines from 202,000 to 182,000. The Navy’s fleet—already its smallest since before World War I—would shrink to about 250 ships from 285. And the Air Force would lose six fighter squadrons and 130 transport aircraft.

A new round of base closings, slower increases in military pay after 2014, higher health care fees for retirees, and a commission to study changes in military retirement have also been included within the proposal. Furthermore, the proposal calls for continued investment in special operations forces and unmanned aerial vehicles, as well as a boost in funding for

cyber warfare, the latest national security threat that Washington leadership view as the most detrimental to the security of the United States.

“All this is designed to save \$259 billion over the next five years – the first installment of the \$487 billion reduction planned spending over 10 years required by the debt-reduction law enacted last year. The place is expected to be included in the budget Obama sends to Congress next month,” reports *Politico*.

Still, some military experts have called Secretary Panetta’s proposed budget cuts “much ado about nothing,” according to CNN.

Because of tremendous increases in defense spending the past decade,

Panetta’s plan to cut \$487 billion in the next ten years merely holds “the baseline defense budget near historic highs,” said Lawrence Korb, a former assistant secretary of defense under the Reagan administration.

The proposed cuts mean that the Pentagon will spend less than originally planned, but the military “will spend \$2.73 trillion over the next five years, more than the \$2.59 trillion spent over the last five years,” continued Korb.

Summed up in the vernacular, Korb said in a CNN interview, “You’re reducing the projected level of defense spending, so it’s not real reduction.”



# Gates Donates Millions to AIDS Research

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UNITED STATES

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation gave \$750 million to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria to help ensure that the organization can keep supplying AIDS drugs while it seeks to adjust to the global economic crisis. The Global Fund, which has given \$15.1 billion to low-income countries in the past decade, said in November that it would not award any new grants until 2014. The fund’s money comes from governments in the developed world, many of which are unwilling to increase their donations or fulfill previous pledges. The fear has been that some AIDS programs in Africa might run out of money, preventing people from receiving the antiretroviral drugs that are keeping them alive.

“These are tough economic times, but that is no excuse for cutting aid to the world’s poorest,” Bill Gates said in announcing the contribution at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland. Andrew Hurst, a fund spokesperson, said the Gates donation will pay for 164,000 people to continue receiving AIDS drugs, buy 11.4 million bed nets, and treat 427,000 cases of tuberculosis.

In addition to paying for antiretroviral drugs for 3.3 million people, the Global Fund has underwritten 8.6 million tuberculosis treatments and provided 230 million insecticide-treated mosquito nets for the prevention of malaria. During its existence, the fund has



Bill Gates, above, administers his own charitable foundation.

paid for 1,042 programs in about 150 countries.

Global Fund grants run for two years and can be renewed for three more if the programs are judged to be performing well. Some programs from the fund’s early years have exhausted five years of support and begun the process again; others have been taken over by national governments and no longer need the fund’s help. The fund’s director of external relations, Christoph Benn, said that when the Gates donation is added to the \$10 billion on hand and pledged from other sources for 2011 through 2013, there “should be enough” money to keep all worthy programs running uninterrupted.

Joanne Carter, a former member of the Global Fund’s governing board said she and other advocates are calling for an emergency “replenishment” meeting before the global AIDS conference meets in Washington in July. She said she hopes the meeting will raise \$1.5 billion in new pledges from countries, enough to fund a new round of grants.

# FRIAR FORECAST

GLUM

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UNITED STATES

The slow decrease in unemployment is not enough to offset poor consumption numbers and general economic malaise in the United States. With the economy still clawing its way up from its financial decay, *The Cowl’s* Friar Forecast anticipates a weak 2012 across the board, with sub-3.5 percent GDP growth in the first half and unemployment above 6.5 percent through the year.

According to the *Wall Street Journal*, the Conference Board’s Consumer Confidence Index dropped by three and a half points to 61.1 in January. This index is a survey that asks consumers about the direction of the American economy. The index had gained in November and December, but the sluggish labor market and lack of recovery in the housing sector have left consumers wary about the future.

Another index from the Conference Board, the Employment Trends Index, edged upward, but in a press release the Board’s Director of Macroeconomic Research said that, although the labor market is “picking up some steam,” he expects that slow economic growth will prevent the U.S. economy from adding many jobs in early 2012. The Employment Trends Index is a composite of several labor market indicators, including unemployment.

Poor consumer spending and a dismal labor market make for a bad combination. But with the Fed keeping rates low, some corporations

are gearing up on capital. Durable goods orders excluding defense rose 3.5 percent in December, and nondefense capital goods rose 5.8 percent. Inventories of capital goods have increased for two straight years. Companies appear to be slowly ramping up production, although this trend has made its presence known in the capital market more strongly than in the labor market.

These trends suggest that businesses are investing more heavily in capital to take advantage of technology, as opposed to hiring new workers. With the Fed’s pledge to keep rates low through 2012, borrowing money to finance investment in capital goods will be relatively cheap this year.

A dip in consumer confidence could exacerbate the economy’s recovery problems. Consumer spending is the heart of the American economy. When it’s weak, the economy is weak. A weak economy is an economy with few jobs. That’s just what we’ll see in the first half of 2012. Although the U.S. is no longer in recession, recovery will not be dramatic or fast. Expect an improving, but still poor, labor market during the entire year. The upswing in consumer spending that accompanies holiday spending at the end of the year will provide an indicator of how safe consumers feel. A big spike would reveal that Americans feel the worst is over and are ready to return to normal spending habits. Until then, however, Friar Forecast expects relatively weak consumption as an effect of weak housing and labor markets.

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# WORLD PUZZLES

by Kelly Smith '12, World Puzzle Master

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# BUSINESS IN THE WORLD

## NETFLIX SHARES SPIKE:

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UNITED STATES

On January 26, 2012, Netflix shares rose 26 percent, hitting a three-month high, and easing concerns about a dying customer base from increased costs to subscribers. In fact, the company claims to have added 610,000 customers in the United States by the end of the 2011 fourth quarter. This increase comes after many enraged customers dropped their subscriptions due to the price increases. According to the *Wall Street Journal*, "Netflix hasn't regained all its lost customers—the company has 24.4 million domestic subscribers, below the 24.59 million it had before jacking up prices—but the improvement was seen as a positive." Stern Agee analyst Arvind Bhatia also noticed the improvement, saying Netflix "seems to have turned a corner

with respect to domestic subscriber growth." Some analysts claim that the sharp increase in Netflix's stock price, which has nearly doubled over the last month, is largely due to short sellers buying more shares in order to cover their bets against the company. Evidence of this is seen in that 21 percent of the Netflix stock available for trading through short interest. Regarding the sharp increase in Netflix's stock price last Thursday, Edward Williams, an analyst at BMO Capital Markets, "What people saw was news that came out of the release yesterday that was stronger than they anticipated, but they'll be waiting for more data to prove the company has truly turned around." How many people feel as though they got the answer to that question? Probably not a whole lot." The wide array of opinions by analysts on the valuation of Netflix's price will make

this stock one to watch in the coming months. Investors should expect the stock to be traded at a high volume which will make the price increasingly volatile. Citigroup analyst Mark Mahaney increased his rating on the company to buy with a price target of \$130. On the other hand, Michael Pachter, an analyst at Wedbush Securities, still feels that the stock is overvalued and has a price target of \$45 per share. Netflix closed at \$116 on January 26 th. It will be interesting to see if Netflix has recovered from its recent struggles or whether the recent increase has the stock overvalued.

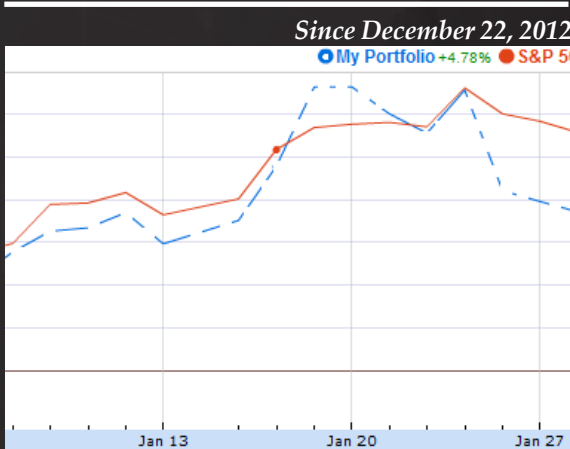
## COWL PORTFOLIO

by  
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The Cowl portfolio went up 4.44 percent since December 19, falling below the S&P which increased by 6.46 percent. Agilent technologies was our biggest gainer, going up more than 7 percent since January 24. Our biggest loser was SanDisk Corporation, going down more than 10 percent. The past few weeks have been positive. The market received good manufacturing news from China, Germany, France, and the U.K. Investor confidence exploded after positive news from Europe. Greece is making headway in its talks with the private sector. Negotiations center around the interest rate private sector investors are willing to accept in return for a voluntary writedown. In the U.S., the private sector did increase jobs in January, albeit at a slower pace than December. The ISM manufacturing index also jumped 53.1 to 54.1, accompanied by a jump in construction spending of 1.5 percent in January.

### Holdings - Since January 24, 2012

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## FEATURE IPO: GUIDEWIRE SOFTWARE

by Arman Oganisian '13  
World Editor

Guidewire Software (GWRE) went public last Wednesday, making it the first tech company to file in 2012. The IPO raised a total of \$115 million, offering 8,850,000 shares at \$13.00 per share. 2011 was a less-than-stellar year for technology companies. Both Groupon and Zynga went public but proved disappointing. JP Morgan and Deutsche Bank led this IPO to a 31.7 percent spike during the first day of trading. It closed at \$17.12. The company, which mainly services insurance companies, has been very successful in acquiring clients. Its software helps insurers write policies, manage claims, and conduct billing. According to Yahoo! Finance, ClaimCenter, a Guidewire product, has become one of the most popular claims filing systems on the Internet. According to Yahoo! Finance, GWRE claims that its cloud-based products distinguish it from other competitors in the industry. The IPO is a promising start to 2012 for the tech industry. However, the latest trend seems to be investing in companies with steady cash flows, not in those with potential for rapid growth.

## STOCK PICK OF THE WEEK: UNITEDHEALTH GROUP

by Arman Oganisian '13  
World Editor

Health care is seen as a necessary good, which is why investors switch over as a defensive maneuver. The S&P 500 Managed Health Care Sub Industry Index rose from slightly below 400 points to 475, indicating sector-wide strength as investors adopt defensive maneuvers. UnitedHealth Group Inc. (UNH) rose over 45 percent in 2011, currently trading at \$51.02 (January 27 close price). Analysts at Jefferies and other major banks have reaffirmed their buy ratings on UNH. Polled analysts have an overwhelming buy recommendation for UNH, with a median estimate of another 19.6 percent growth in the next 12 months. Even the low forecast projects 7.8 percent growth. Obviously, the biggest driver will be the Supreme Court's ruling on health care overhaul. Even though health care companies spent millions lobbying against the bill, they have realized their largest profit-margin growth since the recession. Analysts say that UNH can still be profitable even if the law is enforced. UNH, along with other firms in the sector, are positioning themselves to service Medicaid and Medicare patients. Commercial business accounts for less than half of the companies' (those tracked by the previously quoted index) revenue growth.





## A Bro Encounter

*Socializing at Brad's and the Like*



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CAMPUS

I was in Brad's the other night, jammed in that bottleneck of a passageway between the front and the back of the bar, preoccupied with holding my cup above my head like a torch above water ('cause, ya know, God forbid a precious drop of Brad's Brew went to waste...), when an over-eager pushy classmate angrily urged me to, "MOVE, bro."

Those who know Brad's know how absurd the layout is when the place fills up—that the actual bar *could not be positioned at a worse spot* for free-roaming socializing. If you're at the front end of Brad's and you need to get to the back, you have one route and one route only—the three-foot-wide gap between the bar and the wall. If it's past 10 on a weekend night, you might want to pack a meal or two for the journey. I'm only *kind of* kidding.

Anyway, there I stood, God knows why, in the epicenter of that one-

lane, paralysis-inducing gateway to the promised land, hoping that soon enough I'd be squeezed out to the other side like toothpaste. And at that point, all you can do is wait and see, because wherever the mass moves, you move, too.

Enter the bro, who apparently decided that of all the 62 people in our three-foot vicinity, *I* was the one blocking him from refilling his pitcher (bros drink pitchers).

Had I been Moses, I would've parted that drunken sea of cologne, booze, and body odor for the bro. I would have gladly rolled out a red carpet for him and his pitcher to get to the bar faster than anyone else because this bro was drinking beer, and it's a pretty serious deal when a bro's drinking beer. Of all the things you should do, preventing a bro from drinking his beer is not one of them.

"MOVE, bro," he said again, a little louder this time. I would have had an easier time moving in quicksand. "I can't, man; I'm just as stuck as you are."

He then shook his head, rolled his eyes, and acted as if everyone in our blob was working in unison to keep



him away from a refill that would provide him with eternal life and prosperity. I actually thought this kid was going to start crying at one point.

Eventually, I was spat out into the back end of Brad's—expedition over and done with. My anxious comrade got his sacred pitcher filled up in what looked like good time, and the world was at peace again.

If you've been to a "PC bar," you've probably witnessed a similar encounter at one point or another: Self-Entitled Bro walks into the bar with an ego that's more stretched out than Bruce Jenner's face. Self-Entitled Bro then proceeds to the bar because he needs alcohol like Christopher Walken needs more cowbell. Self-entitled bro neglects the fact that *there are other people around him*. To channel his

frustration, Self-Entitled Bro blames his inconvenience on someone who is in the *exact* same position.

Usually, as the story pans out, Self-Entitled Bro goes on to fill up a few more pitchers, swiftly drinks himself into oblivion, and manages to completely forget how much of a jerk he was by the time the cheese hardens on his Golden Crust.

The point of all this?

Don't be that guy. It's not a good look. It doesn't make you tough. You're essentially deciding that the fact-that-you're-more-desperate-to-get-your-drink-than-the-rest-of-us is a warrant for being an inconsiderate beer disposal who might impress his girlfriend.

Ideally, a bro would get the point by now. But bros don't read *The Cowl*.

## Four Score and Two Years Ago

*Vaughan '12 Surveys Seniors on What They Remember from DWC*



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CAMPUS

We all do it: the shameful slouch in the seat, the apathetic glance at the ground, the classic doodle approach. Anything to pretend we didn't just hear our professor ask: "Who remembers this from DWC?" In my experience, nine times out of 10 this question is met with an inevitable, awkward silence, which seems to suggest that Civ, the very course that Providence College prides itself on, is something of a forgotten one come junior year. I was curious to find out just how much (or how little) the average student retains from his or her beloved DWC education, and decided that the best subjects to question were those who've gone the longest without a Civ lecture.

So, I found my old notes, refreshed my memory, and asked some seniors, both from honors and regular Civ, an array of questions pertaining to DWC. What you're about to read are some of the very real, very anonymous, very

entertaining answers they gave me to some of the 22 questions I asked. Professor discretion is advised.

**1. When did the Roman Empire fall?** The answer is 476 AD, which a few people were able to tell me. Here were some of the other answers: "Definitely sometime after the whole Jesus thing...400s?" "1492?" "1230, I think." "424 lols." "I don't know." "1428... Oh wait, that might be from a movie." "200 AD?" "Not recently."

**2. The assassination of which Austrian Archduke hastened the onset of WWI?** The answer is Franz Ferdinand, which most people were able to tell me (making it a point to credit not DWC, but the Scottish band). Here were some of the other answers I got: "We're in sophomore Civ now, aren't we? About that." "Isn't there a song about it?" "William of something." "Fernando, right?"

**3. How does Homer's *Odyssey* end?** Close to half answered in a way that resembled correctness: Odysseus returns home, kills suitors, and reconciles with Penelope, (affectionately called Mrs. Odysseus by most). Others were not so close:

"The mother eats the son? I have no clue." "He stays on the ship." "Odysseus realizes he killed his father and married his mother and he pokes his eyes out."

**4. What physical ailment does the Wife of Bath suffer from/why?** This was a tricky one. The Wife of Bath is partially deaf from having had a book thrown at her head. One person was able to tell me that. Other common answers: "An STD; she was promiscuous." "Obesity." "She was ugly and big boned." "Didn't she have a gap-tooth?" "Antisocial personality disorder. She was married five times. But that's just my unprofessional opinion." "Diabetes?"

**5. Which Michelangelo sculpture depicts the body of Jesus on the lap of his mother, Mary?** Some seniors managed to get it, *The Pieta*. Others said: "I know it starts with a C." "I'm not sure." "No clue." "Peter." "Pass." "All I remember is Mary being gigantic." "Pita, or something like that." "The Last Supper?"

**6. Martin Luther posted his \_\_\_\_\_ on the doors of the Wittenberg Church.** The answer: 95 Theses, which about half were able to tell me. Other answers: "99 Theses—I remember this one

because of the Jay-Z song." "45 Theses." "Is it his I Have a Dream speech?" "It has a number in it—50 I think."

**7. Discuss Plato's Cave.** Some got to the point and were able to tell me it was an allegory for the life of a philosopher, suggesting that one can transcend to higher forms of life with more knowledge. Other answers: "Um..." "Where he lived?" "The place he hid." "It's cold and dark with a few paintings on the walls for ambience." "I don't care to remember." "Haha. I think I wrote a paper on this. Whoops."

**8. What can you tell me about 20th-century philosophy?** This question could clearly be answered in a number of ways. Here are some of the responses I got: "It didn't pay well." "It was boring." "Couldn't tell you." "It was confusing." "Existentialism, an increase in the belief in communal thought and lack of Supreme Being." "Hahaha." "Super confusing and depressing since the World Wars shattered people's world views." "Wasn't there a guy named Kierkegaard?" "John Locke." "It's a waste of time and tuition." "Does philosophy even exist anymore?"

**9. What's the point of this article?** (Answers may vary).



# TANGENTS & TIRADES

**The Grey: Contains Spoilers.** If you're looking for a romantic night out with your significant other, do not take the individual to see *The Grey*. I wasn't completely opposed to the idea; having the opportunity to admire Liam Neeson for two hours was enticing (yes, I appreciate his male form). However, watching him nearly freeze to death in the heart of Alaska was awful. And I'm not attracted to the nomadic man. The movie is focused on an oil drilling team's struggle to survive after a plane crash strands them in the wild. Hunting the humans is a pack of wolves that sees them as intruders. Then, all the humans die. The movie includes everything I hate: plane crashes, constant suspense, possessed-looking wolves, blood, and gruesome death. And of course, the handsome young man who picked the film for us to watch drooled over its ties to existentialism (not one of my favorite philosophies). Leaning in for what I thought was a kiss, he blurted out: "See, Gen, the men are forced to face their death, and their actions mirror the actions of the wolves." Sure, the film's themes highlighted the pillars of existentialism: angst, absurdity, facticity, authenticity, and despair. But, I'm positive that I will not meet my maker because I was savaged by wolves. And so I don't view *The Grey* as a vital accessory to my education. I'll save the lectures on existentialism for Fr. Stokes. And instead of worrying about my death, I'll choose to hope that *Titanic* 3D/IMAX will play in the state of R.I. — **Genevieve Ilg '14**

**Superficial Google.** Did you know that 125 years ago from Saturday the largest snowflake ever, 38 centimeters in diameter, was recorded at Fort Keogh, Mont.? I didn't either, and quite frankly, I don't give a damn. When opening up my Internet browser a couple of days ago, I finally lost all patience with Google, a search engine that I have come to respect as the best. It's the last straw. Google is my homepage because it lacks the annoying advertisements and tabloid news found on numerous other sites and search engines. However, the Google logos may just be worse. The idea of having logos is a good one, but like any idea, when over-used it becomes insupportable. It seems like every day that I go on Google there's some irrelevant, unnecessary logo badgering me. I agree that the logos can be fun sometimes, but I've just about had it with learning about the largest snowflake and similar useless facts that irritate rather than inform me. And when Google isn't feeding its users mindless trivia, it's pushing an agenda that usually fails to please and typically successfully insults me. A memorable instance was one year when Good Friday coincided with the anniversary of Darwin's birth and of course, don't think that Google decided to go Christian just this once. Playing the secular card is the norm for this supposedly neutral search engine. For my part, I can't take Google seriously anymore for starting my day off with factoids about the 125th anniversary of an oversized snowflake or for telling me that I should remember the man who told us our ancestors were apes and not that our Savior is Jesus Christ. — **Beatriz Forster '14**

**The Stupid Bowl.** The Pro Bowl is one of the most infuriating athletic events I have ever had the displeasure of watching. It somehow manages to combine the underwhelming excitement of a girls junior high basketball game, curling, and competitive chess in a showcase of utter mundaneness. I mean, if you are a professional athlete, you must have some sort of pride in your abilities on the field or any sort of desire to show why it was that you were selected for that Pro Bowl, right? I guess that is too much to ask. Imagine how fantastically entertaining it would be if the players actually put some sort of stock in the performance. Instead, the yawn-fest provides defensive and offensive lines diddling around like dancing bears, giving watching paint dry a run for its money as the most boring thing ever. The worst part is all at the players that talk about "what an honor" it is to be selected to play in the game. If it truly is such an honor, then these players should give those who pay to attend something worth paying for. Maybe the NFL ought to make the Pro Bowl mean something, like the MLB did with its All-Star game. Then some real competition might be observed, and the announcers of the game will sound a little less ridiculous when they laud these players for their immense athletic ability and talent. Yes, we can "look at how good Aaron Rodgers is in the pocket!" because the linemen are too busy playing patty-cake rather than provide any pressure. Ugh. — **Matt Santos '14**



# CORR Values

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# Reflection



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CAMPUS

Toward the end of last semester, my friends and I decided to try something new. As devout fans of the former cult television classic *Lost*, we decided it would be fun to watch the show from beginning to end, one episode per night. Just the other day, we watched as the survivors discovered the island's underground hatch. The hatch was equipped with everything from food to weapons, from books to old records. But what makes the hatch so unique, other than its location on a deserted island, is the 20-year-old computer that requires a specific numeric code to be entered every 108 minutes. But why? What happens if they don't enter the code? The answer does not reveal itself for a long while—in typical *Lost* fashion—but that very question becomes the central conflict for the survivors. Is it simply an experiment? A mind game? Or are they actually saving the world? Such is life.


Every day we are faced with options. We are forced to make decisions that are often daunting. But what if we looked at these options as opportunities?


“LIFE ISN'T ALWAYS WHAT WE EXPECT IT TO BE...ALL IT TOOK WAS A LEAP OF FAITH.”


What if we saw decisions as chances? Life is not about what's handed to us. It's about how we deal with it. Just two weeks ago, 13 PC students and I traveled down to New Orleans, La., for the 2012 NOLA Immersion, sponsored by Campus Ministry. This service trip offers students the opportunity to live in solidarity with the residents of New Orleans by serving those affected by Hurricane Katrina while immersing themselves into NOLA culture. To say that the NOLA Immersion has changed the way I view the world today is an understatement. God never fails to place inspirational moments in our lives when we need them most. But just as I learned on NOLA, it's a two-way street. God will provide, but we have to meet him halfway. One of our projects for the week was working with Green Light New Orleans, a non-profit organization that replaces old light bulbs with CFL's in homes that request an exchange. And for one beautiful Wednesday, I drove around residential New Orleans with four of my peers. We exchanged light bulbs and listened to Katrina stories. We even exchanged light bulbs for an aunt of LSU's quarterback. We witnessed families that had rebuilt their homes from the

ground up, and those that were still in the process. We heard accounts of bravery, resilience, heartbreak, and recovery. And that's when it hit home. That water, an element that we value so dearly to sustain life, ruined so many lives in moments. As our day continued, we decided to stop for a lunch break. Just as our car came to a stop, we received a phone call from Green Light. They told us that one of our clients needed us to come replace her light bulbs right away because she wasn't going to be home for a few hours. We moaned and groaned – we were so hungry and this was our only break. Someone could just do it tomorrow, right? Couldn't she just stay home a little longer? And just as she was about to pull the keys from the ignition, our leader Julia put the car in drive. "Let's just do it, guys. It's the right thing to do." We arrived to the house minutes later and found an older woman perched on her front porch, patiently waiting for us. She offered a sweet, wise smile as she invited us into her warm, colonial home. We changed the light bulbs and were out the door in less than 20 minutes, but not without five goodbye hugs and one million "thank you's" from Veronica. Her welcoming personality and the smell of red beans cooking on the stove stayed with us for hours, when suddenly we received a phone call from Veronica herself. Did one of the bulbs break? Did we leave our equipment at her house? But Veronica eased our panic immediately. "Baby, I want y'all over for some dinner!" Life isn't always what we expect it will be. Sometimes we are forced to make decisions that seem too difficult, or perhaps we know deep down that what we want isn't exactly what's best. The survivors on *Lost* understood this. Pushing a button every 108 minutes in a strange underground hatch on a deserted island hardly seems worth it. There are more important things to do, other things to think about. But just as one character, Jack, begins to give up on pushing the button, John replies with a challenge. "It's a leap of faith, Jack." Maybe we aren't exactly saving the world. But we are here for a reason. It's the seemingly insignificant moments in our lives that have the biggest impact on us. It wasn't convenient to visit Veronica's home and help her change light bulbs. But by doing so, we were embraced by a woman who embodied the love of Christ, and truly experienced NOLA culture at its finest. And all it took was a leap of faith.

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# Subliminal Mind Control, Manipulating the Masses



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SOCIETY

Is subliminal advertising or sensory manipulation another form of mind control? Many psychological studies inaccurately portray subliminal messages as influences over individuals over a short period of time. The media influences people on a daily basis with both subliminal advertising and sensory manipulation, in both public and private facilities, indoors and outdoors. These messages are hidden in pictures, movies, music, and phrases.

Wilson Bryan Key stated in his 1970s book, *Subliminal Love & Seduction and Media Sexploitation*, that subliminal sexual symbols or objects are regularly used to persuade consumers to purchase and utilize a range of goods and services. His most renowned claim was that the printed word “sex” is unconsciously read in advertisements. This method can result in sexually arousing consumers and making the products seem attractive. Another form of arousing individuals may be through sensory manipulation.

Have you ever wondered why supermarkets place the large collection of flowers at the front-right entrance of the store? The psychological concept of mind control is also known as priming. In his novel *Why We Buy*, Paco Underhill explains that Americans prefer to shop counter-clockwise and stores with the entrance on the right are shown to generate more business than stores with the entrance on the left. He also states, “Shoppers not only walk right, they reach right too, most of them being right-handed. So if a store wishes to place something into the hand of a shopper, it should

“ **YOUR SENSE OF SMELL CAN BE CONTROLLED UNKNOWINGLY WHEN SHOPPING.** ”

be displayed just slightly to the right of where he or she will be standing.” (The supermarket industries utilize the method of priming in order to subconsciously allow the customers to associate the entire store with the freshly misted fruits, vibrant colors, and delicious fresh-out-of-the-oven baked goods initially perceived when entering the store.

Your sense of smell can be controlled unknowingly when shopping. According to an article reported by Spencer Morgan in *Business Week*, many brands are

creating their own “brand scent.” For example, most consumers think the new car smell is a result of the recently produced leather and plastic, but Cadillac has been infusing a specially-made new car smell in its automobiles since 2003. The razor company Schick released the first men’s scented razor. In the *New York Times* Article “Schick Uses Scent to Give Men’s Razor a Competitive Edge” the positive effects of the infused scents are explained. “The men who noticed the scent formed a better impression of the razor overall, rating it more highly than the oblivious respondents on

nonolfactory performance factors including the closeness and comfort of shaving. Among those who noticed the scent, 70 percent said it was a razor they definitely would choose to buy, compared with 43 percent of those who did not notice.” Also, the Abercrombie & Fitch stores are heavily scented with perfume as a way for consumers to recognize their store when walking along the sidewalk.

Other forms of mind control or manipulation, beyond advertising or selling products, are present in modern

day society. Ulman Lindenberger received the Leibniz Prize, the highest honor awarded in German research in 2010. After he graduated from Stanford University, he studied social synchronization patterns and their effects on neuroscience. He concluded that singing songs in church or chanting for your favorite team in a stadium allows an individual to feel more connected to the experience. This can persuade individuals to attend such activities on a regular basis. When students pledge allegiance in school, this can encourage and influence adolescents to honor their country and realize the importance of those who established their nation. Synchronized activities are able to influence individuals to make personal sacrifices in order to benefit the community.

In order to generate positive cash flow in the economy, subliminal messages and sensory manipulation will probably continue to influence the media, producers and consumers. Some people may be unconcerned about the ethical implications of sensory manipulation. However, this may influence individuals beyond their conscious ability to exercise their own free will.

# WWW’S Big Three *The Never-Ending Story: Social Media’s Crimes Against Humanity*



by **Kelly Sullivan '15**  
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SOCIETY

Social media is taking over our lives. This thought hit me over Christmas break. First when my little cousin said “LOL” —not typed, but out loud. Later, I was working as a cashier, casually scanning someone’s groceries when I recognized someone across the store. It took me a while to figure out who he was and I was slightly embarrassed when I did. I didn’t know him at all, in fact. I recognized him as a former friend’s boyfriend that I had “stalked” on Facebook. I had never met him before and I had not talked to that friend in more than five years. Embarrassing? Maybe. But I know you’ve all done it, too.

Facebook, Twitter, YouTube—they’re the reasons for our #collegeproblems. Procrastination, in its finest form is spending hours on these sites. These Web sites are great. However, they’ve begun to take negative tolls on our generation. These three examples show social media’s unruly involvement in our lives.

1. **Facebook.** It’s the place where people post way too much personal information and then call people “stalkers” when they bring up that information in real life conversation. The sad part is people can simply say, “it was on my newsfeed” and the

subject blows over. Facebook is a great way to network with friends, family, and colleagues. However the Web site seems to be taking over a great portion of our lives. People spend about 53.3 billion minutes on Facebook per month. The Web site, for some, has seemed to replace human interaction. They update their statuses 10 times a day, post pictures of themselves, and look at pictures of others. Facebook has made getting information about people easier than ever before. The information some put on their Facebook has prevented many from getting jobs because employers check potential employees’ pages. While Facebook is a great networking tool, the type of information people have put on it has gotten out of control—from drunken photos to inappropriate statuses. Facebook, a once friendly Web site, has turned into a forum of humiliating social mistakes.

2. **Twitter.** I do not have any personal experience with Twitter because I refuse to get one. Something about a site that uses the term “Follow Me” sends up a red flag. On top of that, the point of Twitter is still unclear to me. People tell the world of Twitter what they are doing, and others are allowed to “follow” them in order to see their every action. What I fail to understand is why anyone cares. While Facebook does have the opportunity to keep up with friendships and family on top of the “stalking,” it seems to me that Twitter’s sole purpose is to creep on what people are doing at every moment. Why do you care what Kim



Kardashian is doing every minute of every day? Isn’t watching her 72 day marriage fall apart in New York for an hour each week already enough? #getalife

3. **Youtube** “Seven a.m. waking up in the morning.” I am pretty sure you all knew what song that is from. Rebecca Black’s hit *Friday* was bashed, mocked, and criticized from day one. Despite this, it was performed on *Glee*, and *Late Night with Jimmy Fallon*, it’s available on iTunes, and Rebecca Black herself appeared on the *Tonight Show*. This song is a perfect example of the power the Internet has over us. Now, you may say this is just one song, and Rebecca Black is pretty much old news, however, Justin Bieber came to fame in

the same way, through YouTube. Your personal feelings on the Biebs aside, he has become a household name with sold-out concerts, a 3D movie, and even an OPI nail polish line, all because of popularity on YouTube. Justin Bieber coming to fame through YouTube emphasizes the impact these sites have on our lives.

The power of these sites has begun to control us. Mindlessly opening your laptop to check your e-mail can turn into 30 minutes on Facebook, an updated Tweet, watching the latest music video on YouTube. When used extensively, they become a problem, interrupting homework, ruining job opportunities, and worst defining our generation.



# Senior Says Don't Take Advice from Tiffany & Earl

## Upperclassman Thinks the Jokesters Took It Too Far Last Week

by Curtis Miller '12  
Guest Commentary

RESPONSE

Week after week, *The Cowl's* own Tiffany and Earl try to "make PC an emotionally stable place" by offering relationship advice to PC students. While their commentary can sometimes be tasteless, last week's column crossed the line. A young woman wrote in after an argument with her pro-life boyfriend over her pro-choice stance. After reading Tiffany and Earl's responses, I thought that perhaps our perennial dispensers of advice could use some guidance themselves. Tiffany responded that the argument is "silly" because it is only over "some political issue" based on hypotheticals. The "hypothetical" that Tiffany refers to is the possibility of becoming pregnant (which, biology demonstrates, is a likely outcome of having sex). She concludes by advising the couple to "buy some condoms and get back to the good stuff," presumably meaning sex. Earl echoes Tiffany's endorsement of contraceptives and her dismissal of arguments over "babies and souls and like whatever."

I understand that this is not a serious column. But I do take seriously the fact that what we read and think influences what we do in real life. The idea that the issue of abortion isn't serious is at best terribly naïve and at worst dangerously ignorant. Tiffany and Earl are wrong to treat sexuality, crisis pregnancies, and abortion so lightly. This is not "an imaginary issue," but one that dramatically affects real people.

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The Catholic Church teaches that only marriage can provide the environment of stability, mutual love, and self-giving necessary for proper sexual relationships. Marriage also provides the most stable, loving environment for the birth of a child (which is the natural outcome of sex). Because the child conceived in the womb is a human being, his or her right to life must be defended. The Church opposes the use of contraceptives because they do not allow for total self-giving and can result in objectifying another person. Additionally, failed contraceptives can still result in an 'unplanned' pregnancy. The Church instead

advocates Natural Family Planning. I am fully aware that not everyone subscribes to the teachings of the Catholic Church. However, even non-Catholics can see the logical reasoning behind the Church's teachings. Our culture is full of voices that support abortion and the use of contraception. Is it unreasonable to ask that entities representing the Catholic Church (such as Providence College and *The Cowl*) to speak for these teachings?

Pro-choice advocates argue that women have a right to choose what they do with their body. Pro-life advocates argue that the child in the womb is not a part of the woman's body, but a distinct person. Even if the pro-life position were wrong, the consequences are not as fatal as they would be if the pro-choice position is wrong. Lest you think that I am far-removed from the difficulties faced by parents who face an unplanned pregnancy, let me tell you about two friends of mine. I'll call them Adam and Kelly for the sake of their anonymity. I've known them both since elementary school and saw them

later become high school sweethearts. Several months ago, Kelly discovered that she had become pregnant; her contraceptives had failed. Adam and Kelly were understandably frightened at the thought of telling their families, putting aside their life plans, and accepting the responsibility of raising a child. The prevailing voices in our culture told Adam and Kelly that the best option for a young, unmarried couple was abortion. The reason I'm telling this story is because of a baby girl named Adrianna. She was born two weeks ago because Adam and Kelly made the difficult but heroic decision to accept the birth of their child. For them, she was no mere 'hypothetical,' but a real person who demanded their love. I'm writing this entire commentary for Adrianna and so many others like her who are conceived in difficult circumstances. Let us all work for a culture that respects their right to life. In spite of our past failings, let us also strive to respect each other's dignity, never reducing another person to an object for our sexual gratification. And to the young woman who wrote the letter in the first place: Don't ask Tiffany and Earl for advice; please ask someone who truly loves and cares about you.

# MY HUMBLE Opinion...



by Jenn DiPirro '12  
Commentary Editor

....Follow Through.

In my humble opinion, you should not say you are going to do something and then not follow through. A lot of people dream big. I get it. I like to shoot for the moon on occasion as well. After all, if you miss you can still land among the stars! La-dee-freaking-dah. But more often than not, if you miss, you fall off the planet and screw a lot of people over. Do not tell everyone in your club that you are going to send a really important e-mail and fail to get around to it. Do not fail to keep up your end of the bargain with group projects. Do not say you are going to clean up a mess that you made in your apartment if it is going to end up sitting there for a week. Do not offer up some amazing idea and then let it go to complete waste because you are too lazy to deal with the hardships of trying to make it come to fruition. Do not promise me a ride and then text me a half-hour before you are supposed to pick me up and bail. Because here is the thing: I am smarter than that. I know that just because you say you are going to do something does not mean anything. Most of the time, promises are crap. In all honesty, I would much rather you look me in the eye and say, "Listen, Jenn, I am not going to do that. I just do not feel like it." That is blunt and real and respectable. For example, when I asked you for a ride and you flaked out on me, why couldn't you have done me the courtesy of telling me a few hours earlier? I could have called someone else. I would not have been mad, even if your reason for not being able to come was a complete and obvious lie. The moral of the story: Do not keep people waiting. You are not important enough to do that. As Gavin DeGraw once sang, "So, since you wanna be with me, you'll have to follow through with every word you say. And I, all I really want is you, you to stick around. I'll see you everyday, but you have to follow through."



by Fr. James Cuddy, O.P.

It's perfectly natural to struggle with your faith from time to time. Everybody—from the most devout believers to those who have a more casual relationship with the Church—has moments when God can seem to be absent from their lives. It could be over something significant like the loss of a loved one or breaking up with a boyfriend or girlfriend. It might not be due to any one specific situation, but rather a pervasive feeling that you're alone in the midst of thousands of other students. I'm not sure why I'm pondering this specific topic tonight. Maybe I'm just trying to prepare all of the Giants fans on campus for the despondency that will inevitably ensue when their team receives a thrashing at the hands of the Patriots in the Super Bowl. For whatever reason, I'm thinking about this phenomenon of spiritual darkness and the ways in which we can hold onto our faith when we feel abandoned by God. In order to make a little sense of this mystery that we all have to face at certain points in our lives, here's a good analogy. Think of a horror movie like *Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>* in which one of the ill-fated characters goes down to the lake in the woods in the middle of the night (an aside: If you ever find yourself in a horror movie and there is an axe-wielding madman on the loose, don't go down to the lake. It never ends well. I cannot emphasize this strongly enough. Stay away from the lake). The character thinks that she's all by herself, dipping her toes in the water and enjoying the stillness of the night. Members of the audience start to tense up because they know the bad guy is creeping up behind her and drawing back his arm to attack. And at this point, it's good to cut off the analogy, lest we suggest that God is wearing a hockey mask and sneaking up on us with bludgeoning on His mind. Here's the point: The fact that the young lady thinks she's alone by the lake does not mean that she's all by herself. She can't hear anyone or see anyone, but her perception is erroneous. There is another person there (and if she knows what's good for her, she'll start running). If you're going through a time when it seems like you are alone and you are lacking any palpable consolation from God, remember that His presence in our lives, His activity, His love, and His mercy do not depend on our feeling it. Our faith tells us that He is there and would never leave any of His beloved children to face their troubles alone. If you're struggling with your faith and the darkness seems to be unending, trust that God will see you through to the dawn of a new day.



# Letter to the Editor

## Show Professors the Respect They Deserve

I recently experienced something that I have never once experienced in my four years at PC (and it is not on my college bucket list either!)—I felt uncomfortable and awkward in a class because of the way a fellow student was talking to our professor. This student (a freshman) decided that the beginning of our class time was the best time for her to rudely criticize how our professor was running the class and was blatantly sarcastic in the way she was speaking. I, as a senior in a mostly freshman class, was not the only one who felt uncomfortable, either. Around the room, fellow students were glancing at each other and hiding their faces in embarrassment. In a truly professional manner, our professor deftly deflected the criticisms and moved on with class as planned, actually covering some of the questions that the student had so rudely brought up. My message in this letter is that at PC, you may not like your professor, but you will respect them in the classroom setting. Our liberal arts education asks us to question what we learn and seek the truth, but in a manner that is respectful of the educational environment and of our professors. We do not attack our professors for how they run their classes in front of everyone. Trust me, as much as you think you know about how classes are run in college, your professor knows much more, so show them the respect they deserve!

—Marc Capuano '12

# #NEWTLOVESDRAMA



by Ewen Finser '12  
Commentary Staff

POLITICS

In case you missed it, Newt Gingrich has risen from the ashes, achieving a commanding first place finish in South Carolina. If you did miss, don't worry. It has happened before, and it will happen again. Newt Gingrich has quickly disproven the premise that balloons can inflate and deflate faster than humans. Such rapid swings in momentum seem to play to Newt's sense of the dramatic (and his sense of himself as playing the pivotal role in history). The good news is that Gingrich appears to have locked down the vote of the philandering, megalomaniac husband when he received the support of Herman Cain this past week. The endorsement partly reflects the importance to which Cain has assigned himself despite his indiscretions, but perhaps points to a shared *simpatico* between the two big thinking, grandiloquent womanizers. Despite a potentially damaging

major network interview featuring one of his ex-wives released on the eve of the South Carolina primary, Gingrich appeared to show the voting bloc of conservative women enough to achieve a commanding victory. Unlike Herman Cain, Gingrich decided it was best to marry the skirts he chased and divorce his wives. Perhaps this distinction, and the fact that he had asked at least one of his wives for an "open relationship" endeared him to conservative women in South Carolina. At least he had the good sense to ask, right? At least he married the women he cheated with. That's more than can be said about Herman Cain *or* the former governor of the state Mark Sanford. The very sad thing about the rise(s) and fall(s) of Newt Gingrich is the fact that all three competitors may actually present worse alternatives for Republicans in 2012. A grandfatherly libertarian who doesn't really want to win, a has-been ideologue social conservative sweater vest aficionado, or an eminently bland political opportunist from Massachusetts *all* cannot quite beat the incredible Newt Gingrich reappearing act.

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# Tiffany & Earl

Making PC an emotionally stable place one letter at a time



Dear Mr. Sensitive,  
Do you know how many girls are now drooling over their newspapers in response to your "tragic" story? You've made references to not only the heart-wrenching vocal stylings of Adele, but also the soul-soothing taste of Ben and Jerry's ice cream, in one foul swoop the universally accepted cure for a broken-hearted lady. You've captured the attention of every single female on campus, and it only took one well-constructed plea to do so. You've picked quite an opportune time to write to Tiffany and Earl, considering that Valentine's Day is right around the corner, you sly dog. It's clear that you're an experienced mechanic when it comes to the female mind, that crazy machine even I can't always understand. Did you think I would simply sit here and play into your obvious attempt for a sympathy date from the women of Providence College? Well, yes. That is exactly what I am going to do. I'll play Cupid, just this once, because if you've picked up on the habits of women, you must be fairly insightful for a dude. Perhaps you may even serve as inspiration for the rest of your PC brethren. You will revolutionize the way that men set about attaining the affections of women, and the male species can finally do what it has failed to do for centuries: evolve.

Cheers to natural selection/intelligent design,

Tiffany

## This Week: You're So Vain, You Probably Think This is About You

Dear Tiffany & Earl,

I'm pretty depressed right now. I have Adele's "Someone Like You" on repeat and am contemplating a Ben & Jerry's purchase at the C-Store as we speak. I got dumped today. I started dating this amazing girl around Thanksgiving. She was mending a broken heart at the time because a guy that she had been seeing broke it off with her. So I swooped in and bought her some candies and a few beers here and there. We had something special but today she told me the guy from earlier this year is back in the picture. So cue the Adele and let the self-loathing begin! Am I that bad? She choose someone who snubbed her over me?

Sincerely,

I Need Someone Like Ben & Jerry

Dear Crybaby,

Until I read your third sentence, I thought you were a girl. I have never heard of a grown man listening to Adele and eating ice cream after a breakup. You are without a doubt the most sniveling, limp, soft-skulled pansy-licker I have ever met, and I haven't even met you. The first thing you should do is ask your therapist about gender-reassignment surgery. Yes, I know you have a therapist. Turn off the tear ducts and put down the spoon, you weepy balloon. You need to get your self-esteem up. I suggest hitting the gym. I know you probably can't lift the empty bar, but blast out some squats and throw up some bench presses. It'll take your mind off your pathetic mental weakness. Self-loathing is for manbabies. Stop being a whiny baby and take some pride in your strengths (assuming you have any). In fact, if you want you can meet me in Concannon for some... personal training. We can spot each other and give each other some mutual full-body encouragement. Let me know.

PS: Do you know who "swoops in with beer and candy" for their lovers? Pedophiles. Change your game, dude.

Fraternally Yours,

EARL





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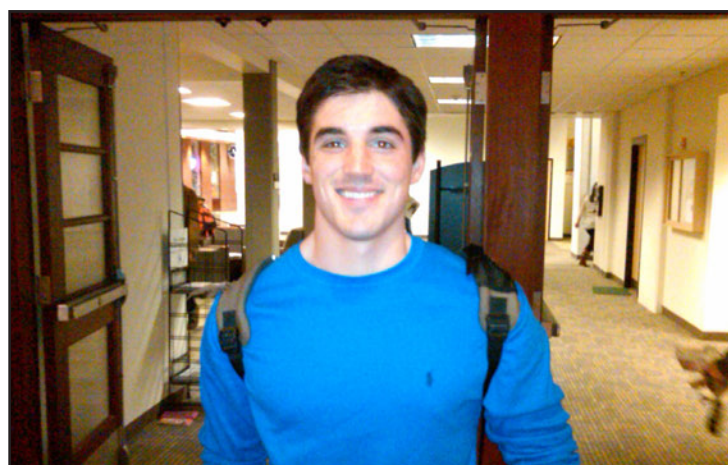
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## What will you do if your team wins the Super Bowl?



**"Smoke a Cuban cigar."**

Lia Greenleaf '12, Kevin Smith '12, Katie Grahm '12,  
DJ McSwiggan '12, Robbie Smith-MacDonald '12



**"Sacrifice my roommates to Tom Brady."**

Ben Mandeville '13



**"Kiss the Roving photographers!"**

Teresa Lynch '13



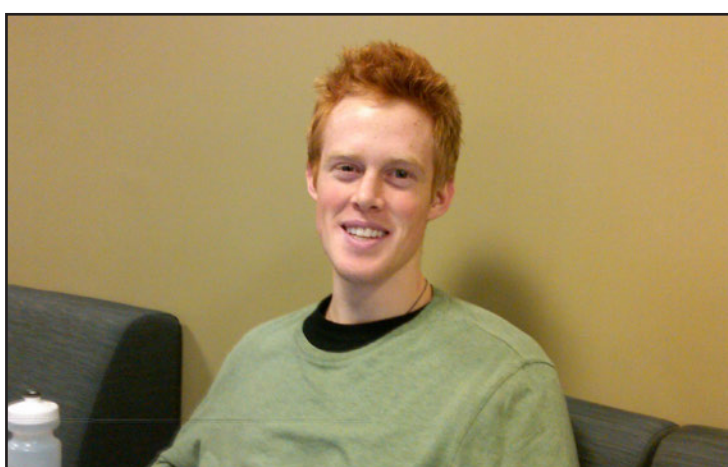
**"Get 'Giants' inked on my forehead."**

Meghan White '14, Moira Power '14



**"Go to Disney World!"**

Dave O'Connor '14, Sarah Davey '12,  
Melanie Fulvio '13



**"I'll probably go to bed."**

Connor Shoos '13



**"What is the Super Bowl?"  
-Lindsay Lohan**



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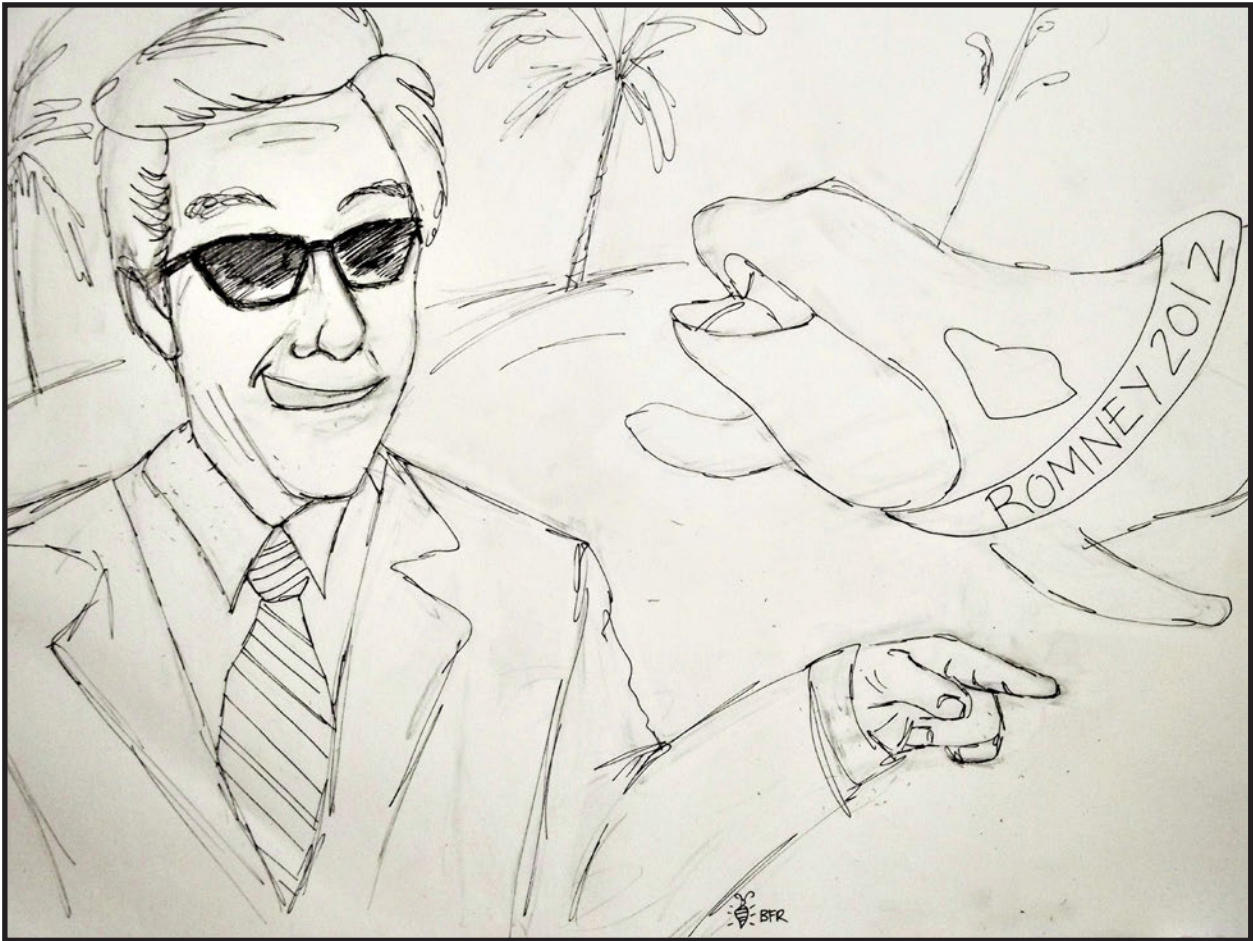
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Romney Coasting to Victory in Florida Primary  
by Bridget Reed '12

**TOP LEFT:**  
Bilal Dixon '13,  
laying up and  
jumping out of  
reach from a Rutgers  
defensive player,  
aims for the basket.

**TOP RIGHT:**  
The Department  
of Art, partnering  
with the Office of  
Athletics, is hosting  
a special exhibit on  
sports at PC. Keep  
an eye out for more  
pictures and details  
in our next issue!



**ABOVE, CENTER:**  
A student leader of  
SHEPARD (Stopping  
Homophobia,  
Eliminating  
Prejudice, and  
Restoring Dignity)  
talks with an  
inquiring student  
about the group's  
mission at PC. On  
Monday, Jan. 23, a  
litany of PC clubs  
and organizations  
set up displays  
and provided  
information about  
club membership  
and activities for the  
spring semester.





## The Best Super Bowl Performances

by Haley Webster '14  
A&E Staff

### #5) Aerosmith (2001)

Yeah, Steven Tyler's rendition of the national anthem during the Pats game was complete crap, but nothing can take away from the fact that 11 years ago during the XXXV half-time show, he managed to make Nelly look cool. Aerosmith, headliner for 2001's Super Bowl, made millions croon with "Don't Want to Miss a Thing" and "Jaded." But the real highlight was when Aerosmith, Britney Spears, N\*Sync, Nelly, and Mary J. Blige came together for a version of "Walk This Way" that involved more patent leather and oversized jerseys than even the '90s would be comfortable with. Even though the only thing flatter than Britney's abs in this performance was her voice, it's still top five worthy, due to pure star power.

### #4) Justin Timberlake and Janet Jackson (2004)

A lot of people don't know that P.Diddy, Nelly, and Kid Rock also performed at the 2004 Super Bowl. Maybe because the only thing that comes to mind when recollecting the performance is JT's blatant swipe at Janet's...corset. Your mom always told you that your black leather corset wasn't a good wardrobe choice and this is why. I personally don't think she could even be that mad because when the rest of us have wardrobe malfunctions, fireworks don't burst off in the background to distract onlookers. Aside from the wardrobe malfunction heard around the world, the performances were admirable. Nelly's performance of "Hot in Here" earned him several major awards. It is too bad that his solid performance was overshadowed.

### #3) Rolling Stones (2006)

After the overexposure of the 2004 performance, it was clear that the next couple of performances were going to need to work to gain back the conservative, *seasoned* audience that was slightly less into the Jackson/Timberlake scandal than we were. Who better to draw back

the lost viewers than the Rolling Stones? The boys (or 64-year-old men) stomped around the tongue-shaped stage to three of their classics but, most importantly, "Satisfaction," which drew an unreal response from the crowd. Mick Jagger didn't violate any of his band members, and all crucial body parts were covered. The NFL breathed a sigh of relief.

### #2) Michael Jackson (1993)

This was Michael in his prime. His performance of "Billie Jean" during the halftime show became one of the most viewed television programs of the 20th century. Michael's performance marked a new trend in halftime performers—the use of popular performers. In the previous years, marching bands and collaborations for tributes were the popular and only choice (not that we don't love a good drumline). Michael paved the way for future performers, like his sister Janet, to grace the living rooms of millions of Americans and impress us with their outrageous performances.

### #1) U2 (2002)

During the halftime show, just a few months after the September 11th attacks, U2 put on a moving tribute to the lives lost. I can't think of a better group to be responsible for such an important performance. As U2 hit a few of its classics, like "Where the Streets Have No Name" and "Beautiful Day," a running list of the names of those whose lives were lost in the 9/11 attacks scrolled behind them. There was no flashy stage set up, elaborate outfits, or psychedelic light shows—just music.





# AREA (718) Brooklyn

by Tim Morris '14  
A&E Editor

## The Beastie Boys

Released last spring, *Hot Sauce Committee Part Two* kicked off with a promise from the Boys: “Yes, here we go again, give you more, nothing lesser. / Back on the mic is the anti-depressor / Ad-Rock, no pressure, yes, we need this. / The best is yet to come, and yes, believe this.” They had been away for quite a while, excluding one instrumental album, their last big project, *To the 5 Boroughs*, which dropped in 2004. Still, the ability of Mike D, MCA, and Ad-Rock to attack the microphone was not affected in the slightest. They were the originators of college rap swag. They are the disappointed fathers of Mac Miller, Asher Roth, and all those other guys who escaped the frat house. Find some relief in the music video for “Make Some Noise.” Not only was it nominated for several awards, but it also has a wealth of unexpected cameos. Elijah Wood, Seth Rogen, and Danny McBride play the Beastie Boys, rolling around Bedford-Stuyvesant (the trio’s old stomping ground) and stealing a six-pack from the local convenience store. The actors gave a little bit of themselves to teach a very basic lesson: Mike D, MCA, and Ad-Rock broke all of the rules before you were even born.

## Grizzly Bear

*Ursus arctos horribilis*, the grizzly bears. They had inhabited Brooklyn before the colonists showed up, frequenting the hippest bars and riding their fixed-gear bicycles around Williamsburg. Their ability to quote the work of Jean-Paul Sartre was no match for the colonists’ superior weaponry; they fled over the Brooklyn Bridge, settling in western North America. That’s how it all happened. The *band* known as Grizzly Bear is another subject entirely. This independent rock group has not been driven from the borough, but has found a home here among a population of artists and other progressive folk. So too have its members—Edward Droste, Daniel Rossen, Chris Taylor, and Christopher Bear—been hugely influential in directing the music scene in the area. They might seem to fit all too well into the stereotype that is *hipster*, but don’t begin to doubt just yet. In 2009, Jay-Z and Beyoncé caused a stir when they showed up at Williamsburg Waterfront to see one of Grizzly Bear’s performances. Jay had this to say about the independent rock movement: “These concerts, they’re not on the radio, no one hears about them, and there’s 12,000 people in attendance. And the music that they’re making and the connection they’re making to people is really inspiring” (Pitchfork). Going to argue with a hip-hop mogul? Anyway, Grizzly Bear remains a steadfast pioneer in its genre. A few tracks off of their 2009 album *Veckatimest* made use of the Brooklyn Youth Chorus and were recorded in a local church. No doubt, Grizzly Bear is giving back to the borough that gave them a listen.

## Barbra Streisand

In the not-so-distant past, the American-Canadian DJ partnership known as Duck Sauce put out an energetic track that spread like wildfire across the blogosphere. They titled it “Barbra Streisand.” The beat hops along for five minutes, occasionally broken up by a voice that speaks only her name. It all seemed so arbitrary. It was kind of provocative. Whatever the case, it got the people going—and for no reason at all. Barbra’s popped up in other unexpected places, too. On one episode of *The Simpsons*, she is depicted as being an unpatriotic woman who takes pleasure in strangling bald eagles. Maybe this was a reference to the fact that her name was discovered on a list of President Richard Nixon’s political opponents; also on the list was Bill Cosby. What could be more threatening than a Broadway songstress and a man in an exotic sweater? But lost in all of the Barbra lore is her hometown, Brooklyn. This rather hip borough of New York City is where she got started. While no one here really cares about her films or her live performances, they know that she’s some sort of famous person who did some famous things and made a lot of money. Because of the catchy Duck Sauce tune that bears her name, and not because of all that other stuff she did, Barbra has achieved immortality.

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# EDITOR vs. EDITOR

## This Week: Favorite Alumni CafeStation

### Tim Morris

**Favorite Alumni Station:** Sushi Do

**His Thoughts:** “Sushi.” Say it. Now, imagine that you are one of the last surviving samurai. You are scaling the world’s tallest mountain. When you finally reach the peak, you pull out your *katana* and drive it into the ground. You put your hands on your armored hips, puff out your chest, and have a staring contest with the sun. Is that analogy a little too far-fetched? Sorry, I’m not sorry. Wasabi does that to a guy. It makes him think great thoughts. It even puts hair on his chest. But wasabi is only part of the sushi-eating experience. Some prerequisites include the ability to handle chopsticks and a stomach strong enough to digest raw fish. Currently, Sushi Do is the only location on campus that offers this seaweed-wrapped delicacy. The cost per roll can be a little pricey, but it’s better than that limp hotdog in your hand right now.

**His View of Sarah:** Are you F’real? Of all the stations that Alumni has to offer, you go to the one that doesn’t involve interacting with another human being. Let me adopt the persona of my grandfather for the rest of this argument. “When I was your age, we didn’t have those highfalutin milkshake-mixing machines. You had to mow a couple o’ lawns in the neighborhood first. Once you earned a few cents, then you could ride your bike down to the convenience store. Now, that was a good five miles. You gave your money to the man behind the counter and he whipped that milkshake up in a jiffy. It tasted better, too. You know why? Because I earned it.” That’s what he would say. Moral? Think about all the milkshakemen that F’real put out of business. It’s just another culinary innovation on the road towards pill-sized meals.

### Sarah O’Brien

**Favorite Alumni Station:** F’real

**Her Thoughts:** I don’t know if this counts as an Alumni Station, but I don’t care. F’real milkshakes (or smoothies, if I’m pretending to be healthy) serve a variety of functions. They can comfort me after a long day of classes, revive me after an intense workout at the gym (wouldn’t want to *actually* get in shape or anything), and sustain me during my late-night study sessions (read: late-night doodle sessions). There is an option for whichever flavor you may be craving— anything from the basic chocolate milkshake to the coffee frozen cappuccino to the strawberry-banana smoothie. Yea, McPhail’s milkshakes taste better, but take one sip and you’re already full. Plus, who carries cash on a college campus? I’d much rather stroll into Alumni, grab a milkshake, and pay with my Friar Bucks (steadily dwindling day by day between this and PC Perk...). Maybe you are sipping on a f’real milkshake as you’re reading *The Cowl*. If you’re not, you should be. For real.

**Her View of Tim:** I don’t eat fish, but for those who like finding Nemo in their stomachs—the last place you should be searching for sushi is Alumni Hall. First of all, it’s only open Monday-Saturday from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m., so if you want sushi on Sunday, or after eight, you’ll have to settle for a prepackaged, overpriced array of fish that has probably swam south of sanitary long since then. Also, you just know it’s spray-painted with preservatives, making Sushi Do a Sushi *Don’t*. Quality seafood is only a RIPTA ride away, at places such as Shanghai and Shark, both on Thayer St. So, Tim, if you’re too lazy to set foot off campus for the real deal, then continue to settle for Sushi Do. Or, you could always take a cue from Bruce: “Fish are friends, not food.”





# Oscars 2012: The Snubs

by **Jorge Lucas '12**  
A&E Staff

The Academy Awards are rarely an occasion for surprise; if they are, it is usually to shirk revolutionary filmmaking in favor of the traditional tropes of cinema. For the most part, the Oscars are meant to affirm the “Oscar buzz” that we’ve been hearing all year. This year in particular, the Best Picture category feels like an oblation to the movie gods—Steven Spielberg, Martin Scorsese, Terrence Malick, and Woody Allen—even if their films were a little sappy and flighty. But the year was also an innovative and subversive one, with an especially strong output from Britain. Perhaps it’s right that those films should live on in cult status. Regardless, below are the Oscars’ most glaring snubs against 2012’s most daring film artists.



**Tilda Swinton in *We Need to Talk About Kevin*, Best Actress**

This emotionally and spiritually troubling film was certainly difficult to watch, which may explain why it got snubbed by the Academy. But that Swinton navigated the role of the reluctant mother with such honesty and courage is a testament to her amazing skill. Perhaps the fact that she neither went through a dramatic physical transformation, like Rooney Mara and Glenn Close, nor played a historical figure, like Meryl Streep and Michelle Williams, made her part difficult to spot this year. If only the Academy weren’t so distracted by those Oscar-grubbing tactics, Swinton would get the award she deserves.

**Michael Fassbender in *Shame*, Best Actor**

It’s no surprise that a film about sex addiction made the conservative Academy queasy, but *Shame* is not an excuse for gratuitous nudity. Director Steve McQueen’s film is intensely moving, owing much to the bravery of its lead actor, and not just for showing his junk on screen. Sex addiction is not all fun and games, and one can see it in Michael Fassbender’s eyes. The man has been getting bigger and better parts for some time now, but this performance was strong enough to turn anyone into a friar.

***The Adventures of Tintin*, Best Animated Feature**

*Tintin’s* exclusion from this category is downright baffling, and not just because it was directed by Steven Spielberg. With a whip-cracking British script, exhilarating action set pieces, and a performance from Andy Serkis to rival any Best Actor nominee, *Tintin* would have been an obvious win, which makes it all the more maddening that it was beat by *Puss in Boots*. And any belief by the Academy that motion capture is not animation would be put to bed if it just knew how important actors were to any animated film. Frankly, it’s an insult to the brilliant animators.

***Drive*, Best Picture**

If there was ever a time for the Academy to break the mold and display some youth, it would have been with *Drive*. Some may argue that Nicolas Winding Refn’s film is all style and no substance, but considering the Best Picture line-up, you can’t blame me for having my fill of substance. After *The Tree of Life* and *War Horse*, there’s nothing better than Ryan Gosling kicking ass to a synthesized ’80s soundtrack. More importantly, *Drive* captures the sentiment of today’s primary theater-going audience more beautifully than any *Fast and Furious* installment, and it’s about time the Academy recognized that.

# Are You There, Chelsea? ...Because Your Show Isn’t

by **Marisa Urgo '14**  
A&E Staff

Whether you like her style or not, you have to admit that Chelsea Handler is a unique comedian. The dry humor she uses is nothing new to comedy, but her sarcasm comes along with quirks exclusive to Chelsea. Her way of delivering her speech is marked by pauses that heighten what she is about to say and form her hilarious style. As a Chelsea Handler fan, I felt compelled to watch her new show, *Are You There, Chelsea?* The new show airs Wednesdays at 8:30 on NBC, and is only on its fourth episode. However, I do not think it will last long.

The premise of the show follows storylines from Chelsea Handler’s line of books, including *Are You There, Chelsea?*, *It’s Me, Vodka*. The books describe, as Chelsea calls it, “life straight up, or on the rocks.” They are collections of stories, narrated by the comedian, that detail growing up in her twenties and the comical events she lived through—her brief time in prison, for example. I’ve read all of her books and found each to be worthy of laughing out loud. The television show is the projection of the stories from the books, which made me think the show had potential...until I saw the commercials.

I think the major mistake lies within the fact that Chelsea Handler is a part

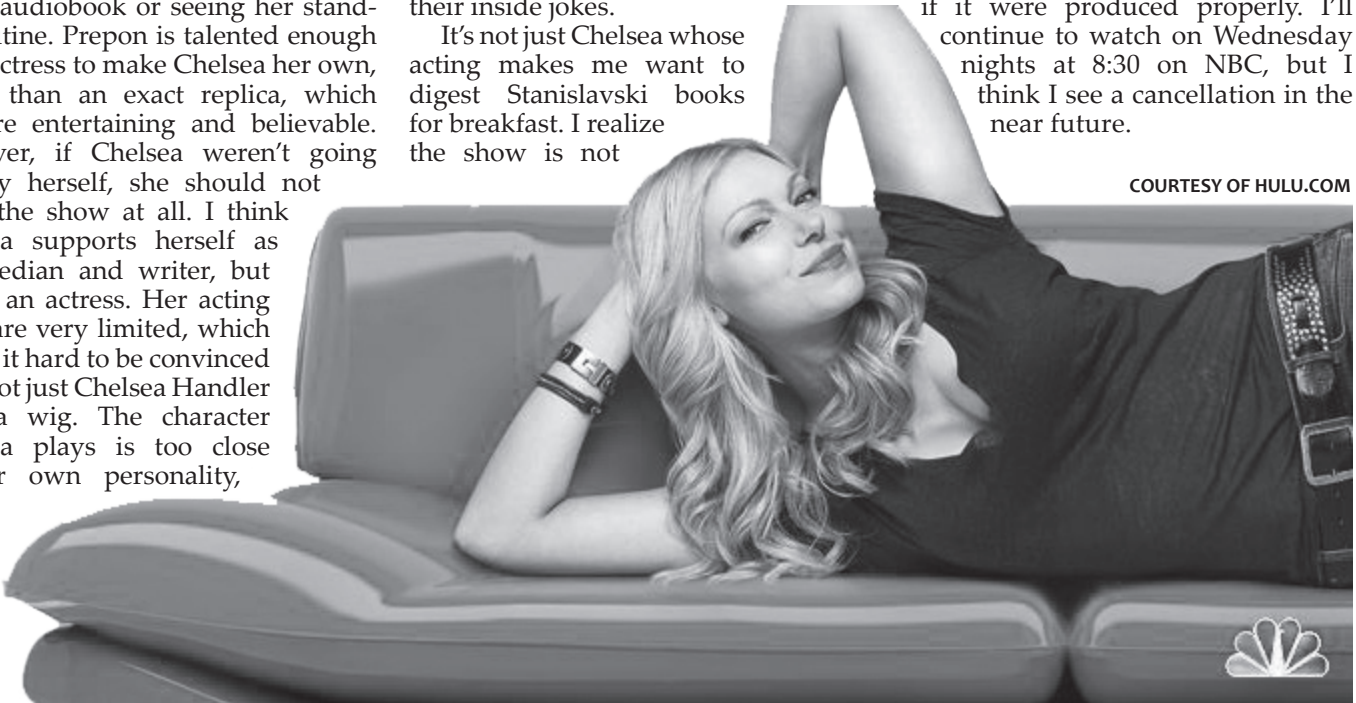
of the show. Allegedly, the network wanted to cast someone younger to play Chelsea so that she was believably in her twenties. Chelsea also claims to have asked not to play herself in the show, but the role of her sister, Sloane. Therefore, NBC decided on Laura Prepon to play Chelsea, or as most of us know her, Donna from *That 70’s Show*.

I do think Prepon is a good choice to play Chelsea. Chelsea playing herself would most likely just be like listening to the audiobook or seeing her stand-up routine. Prepon is talented enough of an actress to make Chelsea her own, rather than an exact replica, which is more entertaining and believable. However, if Chelsea weren’t going to play herself, she should not be in the show at all. I think Chelsea supports herself as a comedian and writer, but not as an actress. Her acting skills are very limited, which makes it hard to be convinced she’s not just Chelsea Handler with a wig. The character Chelsea plays is too close to her own personality,

which detracts from Prepon creating a Chelsea Handler of her own that the audience would believe. It is a funny *idea* to have Handler in her own show, not playing herself, but I do not think the idea plays out well at all. I truly feel as if Chelsea fell in love with the joke of not playing herself and no one dared to tell her not to. It’s a similar concept to *After Lately*, the show about her staff. The audience laughs a little, but it is definitely funnier to her and her friends because it revolves all around their inside jokes.

It’s not just Chelsea whose acting makes me want to digest Stanislavski books for breakfast. I realize the show is not

looking to create legendary characters based off years of acting experience. Yet, there are comedies, like *Modern Family*, that are able to make you laugh and still build honest characters with acting skills. The supporting characters on the show, such as Olivia, are given lines with the potential to be funny, but they fail to deliver in the proper way. The writing on the show is not terrible, but it is clearly not supported by the actors. It’s unfortunate, because I think the show could have been successful if it were produced properly. I’ll continue to watch on Wednesday nights at 8:30 on NBC, but I think I see a cancellation in the near future.









# A True Work of Art: A Review of *The Artist*

by Katherine Bacino '14  
A&E Staff

Making my way to Thayer Street one weekend evening, I was graced by the screeching brakes of the 7:46 p.m. RIPTA, the patter of rain on the bus rooftop, and the rather enthusiastic banter of a few fellow bus riders. As I stepped out of the trolley and into Starbucks, soft music, coffee grinders, and pedagogic



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conversations leant me another societal medley. Walking through the doors of Avon Theater, however, I was greeted by a different playlist entirely. I was there to see *The Artist*, a film directed by Michel Hazanavicius that beautifully explains the tumultuous times of Hollywood in the late 1920s...with no words.

The film is both silent and black and white, transporting the audience into an era of the past, while still keeping the viewers wrapped up in a timeless story. Famed silent film star George Valentin (Jean Dujardin) is living the life: plenty of women, exponential fame, and an endless source of pride. That is, until he is confronted by the rather loud arrival of talking pictures in 1927. Faced with societal progress that he does not wish to recognize, Valentin must decide what is more important—taking a stand against this new form of entertainment, or speaking out and joining the conversation. While Valentin faces the decline of stardom, young Peppy Miller (Bérénice Bejo) is on the rise. Tenacious, beautiful, and enamored by the glamour of 1920s Hollywood, she pursues her dreams of becoming a star after making a brief encounter with George Valentin. When the industry she grew up loving begins to change, Peppy embraces the change with an ear-to-ear grin. But does this change come at a price? What will become of the characters that provided noiseless inspiration? Will their stories be silenced forever? An uplifting story about love, friendship, inspiration, and compromise, *The Artist* expresses deep character growth and development without a single spoken line. As an alternative to the commonplace, present-day cinematic masterpiece, the film allows the audience to consider what truly is a great acting performance, a superb film, as well as question the necessities of an entertaining story.

Director Michel Hazanavicius has been dreaming of bringing a silent film

back to the theaters for many years. He was inspired by how filmmakers of this era utilized movement to tell a story and screen ratios and calibrated film lenses to create the most accurate 1920s black-and-white effect. *The Artist* debuted at the 2011 Cannes Film festival where Dujardin won the Award for Best Actor. The film was nominated for six Golden Globes, notably more than any other film nominated, and won three awards, including Best Motion Picture in Musicals or Comedy, Best Original Score, and yet again Dujardin won for Best Actor in a Musical or Comedy. This January, the film was nominated for 12 BAFTA's and 10 Academy Awards, including Best Picture, Best Director, and Best Original Screenplay. Hazanavicius won Best Actor in a Leading Role for Dujardin, and Bejo won Best Actress in a Supporting Role.

In addition to the critically acclaimed acting performances and directing, the film's smaller character roles provide both heart-warming smiles and fits of hilarity. Jack, Valentin's Jack Russel terrier, is his most loyal companion. Although he is a part of Valentin's stage performance, Jack also embraces his opportunity to save the day. Played by Uggie, the endearing Jack Russell terrier who starred in *Water for Elephants*, I would argue that the film is worth seeing simply for the performance of this spectacular canine.

*The Artist* is currently showing at Avon Cinema, a theater located at 260 Thayer Street that possesses an ambiance perfectly compatible with this vintage-inspired film. Showtimes are daily at 4:10 p.m., 6:30 p.m., and 8:40 p.m. and additional matinees on Saturday and Sunday at 2:00 p.m. The theater can easily be accessed by the RIPTA bus and trolley systems.

It was incredible to experience just how powerful a silent film could be. While witty, emotional, pained, or

satirical dialogue is generally considered a primary mode of enrapturing an audience, the actors' expressions, choreography, and setting made the emotions of each interaction tangible. I was left in complete silence, yet there was not a slight deficiency in story. The film challenged my perspective while keeping me delightfully entertained; *The Artist* is a true work of art.



# NETFLIX Instant Queue

by Alanna Smith '14  
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Nowadays, it seems as if most college students are in possession of a Netflix account with instant queue capabilities. It is easy to get lost in the hundreds of titles that the Web site has to offer, but among these, there are dozens of hidden gems. We all have an evening once in a while when, due to unlucky weather or fortuitous lack of homework, we have a few hours to waste however we please. Instead of mindlessly clicking through someone else's Facebook photos, it might be fun to watch a great American classic or a piece of childhood nostalgia.

### *Haunted Honeymoon*, 1986

This delightful movie was directed by, and stars, Gene Wilder, known to many as the title character from *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*. Larry Abbot (Wilder), a radio actor, is planning to marry his co-star Vickie Pearle (played by Wilder's now-deceased wife, Gilda Radner) in his remote family estate in upstate New York, but his worsening panic attacks threaten to cost him both his job and

his marriage. Larry's uncle plans to shock his nephew out of his neurosis—to figuratively “scare him to death.” As Larry's bizarre relatives arrive and the question of Larry's huge inheritance arises, the body count begins to stack up, and it becomes unclear if someone wants to scare Larry to death—for good.

For entertainment enthusiasts, the film is worth the beginning alone; it depicts the “magic” that went into creating radio shows in an age before televisions graced every American living room. Those looking for comedy in the movie will certainly find it in the screwball antics of the characters. The two scene-stealers are Bryan Pringle, who plays Pfister the alcoholic butler, and the great comedian Dom DeLuise, who portrays Larry's eccentric Aunt Kate.

### *Tucker & Dale vs. Evil*, 2010

This Canadian film was directed by Eli Craig. It stars Tyler Labine, Katrina Bowden (of *30 Rock* fame), and Alan Tudyk (*A Knight's Tale*, *Firefly*). The

film is set in West Virginia, where Tucker (Tudyk) and Dale (Labine) are traveling into the woods to begin work on their new vacation home. They cross paths with a bunch of camping college students who become instantly paranoid about the two hillbillies. After Tucker and Dale rescue Allison (Bowden) from drowning, her friends believe that she has been kidnapped by two psychotic killers. The college kids assume a tactic of “kill or be killed,” and the baffled Tucker and Dale watch in horror as the students are killed in horrendously stupid ways.

This film is a definite parody of the “camping-horror” genre, in the same way that *Shaun of the Dead* parodied the zombie genre. The college kids are one-dimensional caricatures, but the characterizations of Tucker, Dale, and Allison are extremely well done. The amount of gore is balanced by the endearing title characters. Prepare for chainsaws, woodchippers, and other bloody moments, and prepare room in your heart for the two bumbling hillbillies.



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February 6-10

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Tuesday:  
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# PORTFOLIO

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February 2, 2012



by **Tom Nailor '12**  
Portfolio Staff

FICTION

The flock of seagulls appeared in St. Paul's two weeks ago. I said appeared. That's what they did. There was a group of people there, in the pews right around the statue of Mary, and when they rose to leave, there was a group of gulls perched around the baptismal font. They didn't touch the water. Nor the bread. But I'm getting ahead of myself—back to where I was. The gulls perched there, not a white feather rustling; and the way Mrs. Hoess tells it, one of the gulls took to the air, flew back to the entrance, and perched right on the announcement board. And then, stranger still, the rest of the gulls rose into the air, all at the same time, not a feather out of place, and flew back with it. Anyway, the strangest thing was that none of those gulls made a noise. None of them cawed, crowed, or cried out at all. I don't know what else to call the noise a seagull makes, but none of them made a sound at all. They would, though. They'd make quite a ruckus.

The gulls were strange. People didn't like them. But some folks, real soon, started to say they were a sign from God. Birds in St. Paul's? It just had to be a sign. And the gulls caused no

problems for those folks. Everything was peachy keen for some people. But the gulls caused problems for others. The strangest people, too. First, there were Mr. Fisker and Mr. Grant. Both younger men, but they'd been a big part of the parish. Both of them volunteered at the soup kitchen, helped teach the CCD classes, and drove the old folks around. Now, the two of them, they were married, because they loved each other. There were folks in the Church who couldn't be angrier, and they caused a big scene. As for me, I think it was fine they married and lived their lives together. Two good, young Catholic men like that.

The next time Mr. Fisker and Mr. Grant came to the church, the gulls exploded. Suddenly, you couldn't hear yourself think for all the squawking. People had thought the gulls would leave when they wanted, quiet as they were. But they were frenzied, wouldn't let Mr. Fisker or Mr. Grant touch the font of holy water, stopped them from walking to their seats, and ruined the service. Well, the two men got real red in the face, and they just left—walked out. They tried to come back later. I saw them, and Fr. Nichols said the same thing happened. So, after a few weeks, they just stopped coming. They stopped volunteering and helping people. Some of us were real sad about it, but some people, the people who

hadn't wanted them to get married or even come to the church, because of their relationship, well, they seemed right as rain when it happened again.

The same sort of thing happened, though I wasn't there to see it. Fr. Nichols told me there was an older woman, must have been almost 60, who used to come in every Sunday. Rumor is, and this may just be gossip, that when she was young, she had been a wild child. She had gotten into a situation, maybe made some bad decisions, and a young man took advantage of her and forced himself on her. And she had an abortion. Young, scared, and from what I hear, ashamed of herself. But that was in the past, wasn't it? A long time ago. Well, not for some people in the church community. They raised hell, if you'll forgive the expression. They held her up as an example of the Church going "soft," not taking things seriously enough.

But the strangest thing was, when she came into the church, the seagulls reacted again. Not real loud this time—no, they took to the air, flew up, and swooped at her! Swooped at this poor old woman like she was covered in breadcrumbs the size of my fist. Pecked at her, ran their feet on her, drove her from the church with just their physical force. And, stranger still, Fr. Nichols tells me that when she was gone, the seagulls quieted, were

damn near reverent! That woman never came back, either. Even after everything she had gone through in life, she'd come back to God once, and I think He accepted her. But some people, I suppose, can't forgive something like that. People said she wasn't repentant enough, wasn't sorry enough, should never have done it, should this, and would that. Well, I guess the seagulls took care of her. Listen to me! Took care of her. Like they knew what they were doing. Like they could actually DO something, have a mind like that, seek someone out like that. Like they knew who she was. Like they knew who those two young men were. What they were, their deeds, their thoughts. Or, like they knew what God was thinking.

Well, the seagulls eventually left—just weren't there anymore. We lost some of the congregation too, more than I can mention now. But some people still said that they were a sign—that God had sent them. Everybody talked about doves, about how God sent doves everywhere in the Bible. How it was good that they'd chased some people out. "Cleaned out the Church's filth," as I heard it said. I can't understand that myself. I can't understand at all why someone would think that way. About the seagulls. About the seagulls, or about the people who'd left St. Paul's.

## Home

by **Emily Goodnow '14**  
Portfolio Staff

Whenever I am near you  
I am at home.  
I am curled up on my sofa  
Reading a poem.  
When you call my name  
I'm basking in the lawn.  
The morning grass is dewy.  
I stretch and yawn.  
When I see your face  
I envision my kitchen floor  
The khaki-colored tiles  
Calm me to my core.

No matter where we are  
This will always be true:  
I am at home  
When I am with you.

## Spiders on the Wall

by **Justin Fernandez '15**  
Portfolio Staff

This silence splits my ears like never before. I close my eyes and try to sleep, but it's no use. I lay awake in bed counting the spiders on the wall. One for the past regrets, two for the apologies left unspoken, three for the feelings buried deep within, four for the sleepless nights, and five for the uncertain future. The spiders spin their webs around my bed trapping me in my own mess. I'd scream for help but my mouth is plastered shut by this stitched web. I'd run away but my feet are sewn to the ground by this gummy web. But so long as my hands remain free, I shall write my regrets and count the multiplying spiders.



# Over-Analysis

by Keely Mohin '14  
Asst. Portfolio Editor

Latch onto a piece of cotton, hold it quick,  
Pull at threads, make it thinner, make it flick.  
Tease out until left like a thin-street wire.  
Rub together, burn it hot, make it fire.

All the different ways to manipulate delicate fiber,  
Like the ways I muddy a Thought and turn it haywire.  
Found it but a field in the recesses of a mangled mind,  
Reversed it, transposed it, turned it with conspire.

I catch myself in fleeting journeys to dangerous lands unknown,  
And smarter me say, Dear Self, ne'er travel there alone!  
A Thought, say I, a dangerous entity, 'specially when tinkered with,  
So hold tight to foggy reality and fall not to self-made myth.


At times I listen to the keener self of me,  
While others I go willingly amongst those haunted trees.  
Take a path winding, serpentine in dangerous shape,  
And find myself locked within a nearly ne'er—opening gate.

Pull at iron railings, scream hoarse, yell, and shout.  
Begin curse a self that foolish went wandering about.  
(Foolish went wandering about!)

Promise if a smarter-self opens those airtight fences,  
Lower self, dumber-self, will stop harassing my senses.

So today may I say such a cycle of sadistic fascination cease?  
And grant a self, a smarter-self, a smidgen of balm-like peace?

# Dust Jackets



## Keely Mohin

Keely Mohin was born a Genovian princess to Mia Thermopolis and Chris Pine. However, after it was determined that Genovia was not a real country, Keely was shipped to America to live with her grandmother. Mia wanted her daughter to live in Queens where she assumed Keely would mingle with fellow estranged royals. It was not until Keely arrived in America that she discovered her grandmother lived in Staten Island, a land very different from her own. Instead of horse-drawn carriages of gold and mint chocolates laid on her pillow every morning, Keely was forced to succumb to the New York streets. At the age of 13, she got her first tattoo: a miniature replica of the conference house. Benjamin Franklin was one of her idols, next to Vinny Guadagnino, of course.

Mia Thermopolis was adamant that her daughter remain a princess, so at the age of 17 Keely was shipped over to England to meet Prince Harry. Although he was a few years older than her, Harry quickly fell in love with the fast-talking, disco-dancing New Yorker. In fact, Prince William also fell in love with her, resulting in his short break-up with long-time girlfriend Kate Middleton. However, Keely was intent on returning home, and one cold night she slipped out of the palace and boarded the first plane back to the States; it just happened to be heading to Providence, Rhode Island. To evade her mother and Prince Harry (William eventually yielded to Kate, who Keely says is a total brat), Keely enrolled in Providence College. She has decided to write for *The Cowl* because she believes that it will help improve her New York accent.

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# Literary Love Triangles

One girl. Two guys. There's bound to be some tension.  
This week we revisit our friend, The Shake-man, to battle a vengeful ghost. And you thought you had daddy issues! Who should be a part of Gertrude's circle of life (*The Lion King*, anyone?)  
Claudius or Hamlet's father?

Claudius

Gertrude

Hamlet's Father

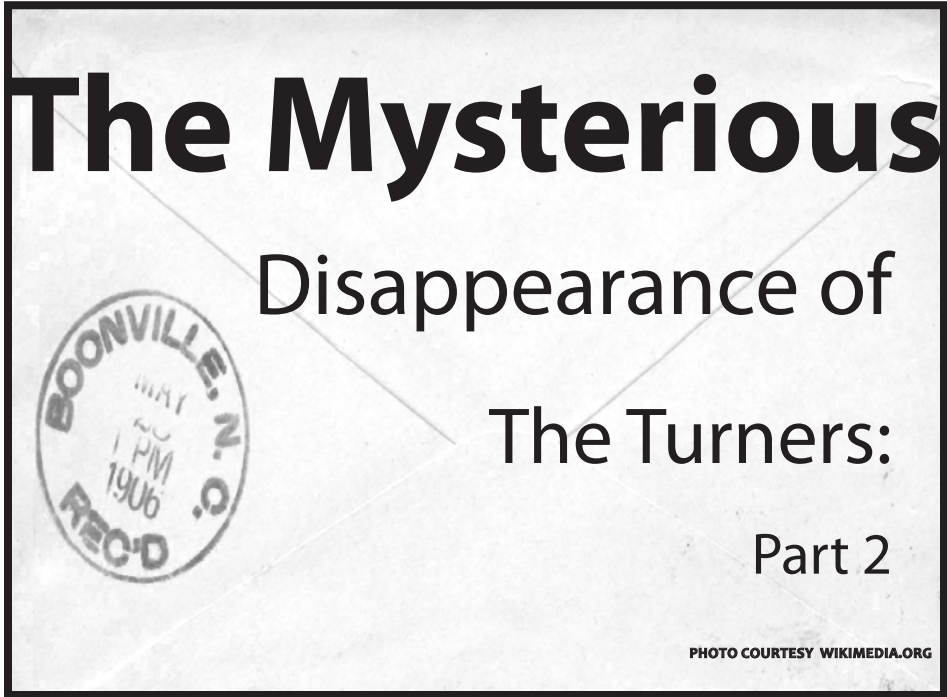
The King is dead; long live the King! Do you hear that, Mr. Specter? Claudius is the king now. You were the king. Were. As to the vicious rumors about Claudius' poisoning you: they are preposterous! Why would he, a dashing handsome, devilishly wondrous man, sink to the baseness of poison in order to claim what is rightfully his, namely the throne and your wife. Let's face it, good chap, you're old news. Done. Finito. Pushing up daisies. This country needs a corporeal leader, and your wife has needs, needs that cannot be fulfilled by a ghost. As for your son, Hamlet (or should I say daughter, in regards to his behavior and volatile emotions), he will learn to love, respect, and fear Claudius. For in fact, he cannot assume the throne without Claudius' blessing. Power is a powerful aphrodisiac, and the entire country and court is attracted to Claudius. I suggest you go back to your wooden box in the ground, and quit rattling your chains like a pathetic Marley at Christmas.

I think we are all familiar with the movie *Ghost*—or at least the famous pottery scene. He is a dedicated boyfriend, just as Hamlet's father is a dedicated husband. You might argue that Hamlet's father is merely seeking vengeance, and so he is—rightly so! Look, “Until death do us part” is one thing, but has Gertrude even heard of the mourning period? Sounds more like Claudius just swoops in, decides he wants power, and she's a bit of collateral damage. Hamlet's father (and her former husband!) struggles against the forces beyond the grave to come back, find his son, and communicate this treachery, seeking a way to remind his wife of his love. I think that he takes his marriage a bit more seriously than Claudius! He even comes back to remind Hamlet to treat his adulterous mother with respect, despite some difficulties in their almost Freudian relationship. Also, heaven forbid Claudius just fight Hamlet mano a mano. Instead, he has to try to poison him. And what ends up happening? He KILLS his wife, because he's too foolish to make sure the right person gets the right cup. Hamlet's father may not have the most...warm personality (or body) in the world, but he is certainly the truly dedicated one in this relationship, and I think we all would have liked to see Gertrude realize that sooner rather than... Well, I guess she never really realizes it.

— Mason Sciotti '15

— Tom Nailor '12





by **Kiernan Dunlop '14**  
Portfolio Staff

FICTION

Daniel wasn't an extraordinary boy; he was just the boy who lived across the street. Annabelle only tolerated him because his mom always brought her cookies when she saw her playing outside. Teasing was one of Daniel's specialties, and he always knew just what to say to make Annabelle cry. But he would always make up for it with his signature smile and wink.

Then, one day, Annabelle was playing with her dad in the front yard and looked at Daniel's house. It was dark, and there were no cars in the driveway. She assumed they were just away for the afternoon, but the house remained empty for a week. Annabelle asked her mother, but she just said they had to go away and they weren't coming back.

Six years later, here he was, winking at her as she held his arm and people began to stare. These days, Annabelle couldn't be thrown by much, but she felt like she had just been slapped in

“ANNABELLE, I WOULDN'T BE HERE RIGHT NOW IF YOU COULDN'T TRUST ME. I RISKED EVERYTHING...”

the face.

“So by the look on your face, I'm guessing you recognize me,” Daniel said as he pulled his arm free.

“Well, people don't often forget the person who beheaded their Barbie.”

“Oh, I was hoping you'd forgotten about that by now,” he said as he began to lead her across the street.

“You were lucky. If your mom hadn't paid me off in cookies, I was going to slash your bike tires,” Annabelle stated coldly. “Well, now that we've reminisced, I have a few questions. One: What the hell are you doing here? Two: Where are you leading me? And, three: Why should I trust you? Your actions in the past wouldn't really stand up in court as trustworthy.”

For once in his life, Daniel looked serious. “Annabelle, didn't you ever wonder why my family moved? Without so much as a word to anyone? Did it ever occur to you that my family's leaving and your family's disappearance were in some way related? Annabelle, I wouldn't be here right now if you couldn't trust me. I risked everything to come and get you.”

Annabelle's head spun. What was Daniel talking about? People moved all the time for all different reasons, none of which, she thought, would have any connection to her parents' disappearance. This had to be one of Daniel's tricks. It was just a coincidence. He must have

come up with this for a laugh.

“Daniel, I don't know if you think this is funny, but joking about my parents' disappearance is cruel.”

“I don't know how any of what I just said made you think I was joking, but if I offended you in any way, I apologize. Before you run off, know this: Your parents are alive and I know where they are,” Daniel whispered as he looked around him suspiciously. Annabelle stopped walking and looked at him in shock. She struggled to say the words, “How long?”

“How long what?” he asked with a look of urgency.

“How long have you known where my parents are?” she asked, trying to suppress her rage.

“Five years,” he responded in a voice so low she almost didn't hear him.

“Five years? You have known for years and you couldn't even spare a moment for a phone call? You selfish bastard!” Annabelle screamed as she began to back away from him.

Daniel grabbed her by the arms. “Annabelle, you don't know what is going on, and once you do, you'll understand why I couldn't tell you. I

was protecting you.”

“Protecting me? You were protecting me? Your plan worked out great. I got to live alone for five years with no idea where my parents were, no family, and no idea how to survive or make money. You know, you did such a good job. I'll recommend you the next time someone needs protecting.”

“Annabelle, you survived, didn't you?”

“No thanks to you. I survived because of what my parents taught me,” she said, crossing her arms.

“That's not the only reason you survived, and you know it,” Daniel said angrily.

“What are you talking about?”

“Who do you think sent you all of that money?”

“How...Oh,” Annabelle said disappointedly. “Why did you?”

“It wasn't just me. It was mostly my parents' money. We started sending it as soon as we were safe. We sent more and more over time because we ran tests to make sure it wasn't being traced. At first, we thought we were sending it to your parents. We didn't realize until a few months later that you and your parents had been separated,” Daniel said as if he had been waiting to say it for a long time.

“Waited until you were safe from what?”

*To be continued...*

# Bury Me with Anna Lee

by **Bobby Bretz '12**  
Portfolio Staff

Marry me, marry me  
Oh my Anna Lee  
We can do it by the sea  
Oh my Anna Lee  
You bring all your sisters and nieces  
I'll bring the sand dollar centerpieces  
Oh my, oh my Anna Lee

Bury me, bury me  
Next to my Anna Lee  
You can do it by the sea  
Next to my Anna Lee  
You bring the shovel and a bottle of lye  
I'll be waiting here right next to my  
Oh my, oh my Anna Lee

Ferry me, ferry me  
Across to my Anna Lee  
I'll take the ride if you'll take the fee  
To get to my Anna Lee  
You bring the beer and the fishing rods  
I'll stay busy till we get to God  
Oh my, oh my Anna Lee

Eternity, eternity  
You and me, Anna Lee  
I can love you patiently  
Oh my Anna Lee  
No way to think about painful things  
When you're sitting there with your angel wings  
Oh my, oh my Anna Lee

Just you and me,  
You and me, Anna Lee.

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# We Could Learn a Lesson

by **Mason Sciotti '15**  
Portfolio Staff

The boulder  
Unmoving  
Unwavering in its perseverance  
To weather even the harshest storms.

The tree  
Its branches spread out as a canopy  
Welcoming all those who seek shelter  
Under its protective branches.

The river  
Slowly winding through the mountains  
Cutting its narrow path  
One bit at a time.

The flower  
Using what's available to survive  
Never asking for anything more  
Than what it already has.

The mountains  
Hiding secrets from all  
Ancient ruins, a civilization  
Once protected by its fearsome peak.

The man  
Always giving up too quickly  
Shunning others  
Taking things in leaps and bounds  
Always wanting, needing more  
Abandoning others at the first sign of hostility  
Never learning his lesson.

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# This Is Not My Life: Part 3

by Margaret Barresi '12  
Portfolio Staff

FICTION

I should have known that trying to cut my way through a new school cafeteria would be like trying to run on ice. No matter how fast I moved after Cheshire, I still managed to lose her and fall behind amidst the crowd of students that bore their lunch trays like stop signs in the hopes of warding off collisions. I turned around a few times and searched for her black shirt, even though I knew the chances of identifying her in the valley of jeans and colored V-necks were extremely slim.

I looked to my left and saw what seemed to be the hot lunch station, where the majority of the students congregated into a line, waiting to be served. I started to walk over to the mass of kids, hoping that hunger had actually been Cheshire's motivation in bringing me to the cafeteria instead of some survival-of-the-fittest demonstration. I had only gone a couple of steps when I felt someone grab both my shoulders, causing me to stumble backwards.

"Hey, are you lost?"  
"Wh-what?" I stuttered, stumbling around to face the person I knew was too big to be Cheshire, or a girl for that matter.  
"You look lost." The boy stared at me for a minute without offering any explanation as to why he was touching me.  
"And who are you?" I demanded angrily, turning my head to the side to glare at his hands that were still on my shoulders.  
"Who am I?" He asked slowly with his eyebrows raised.



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"Yes! Who are you?" I snapped, pushing his hands off me.  
"I think the better question is, who are you?"  
"Who am I?" I repeated, my voice rising.  
"Yes..." He looked at me expectantly.  
"Well, apparently all you need to do to is ask anyone else in this school, because it seems everyone else has had no trouble zeroing in on the fact that I stick out like an American flag..."  
"So, are you new?" the boy asked calmly, ignoring my scarlet face. "You still haven't told me your name."  
"My name is Alice." I sighed and rubbed my eyes for a minute. I blinked back up at the boy and surveyed his large frame. He was tall and husky, and his face stood a good seven to eight inches above my own. He wore a red letterman's jersey with a football embroidered on the chest next to the number 17. His hair was cropped short to his head, and his face consisted of sculpted features that obviously had

been well enough received in the past to give him the confidence to reach out to strange girls. "And you are..?"  
"Cameron," he answered in the same soft, slow drawl that must have been his regular manner of speaking.  
"Well, I am lost, actually," I said with my hands on my hips. "I don't know where my friend went."  
"I thought you were new," he said.  
"I am."  
"So, then, who is your friend?"  
"Her name is Cheshire," I replied, suddenly realizing I had no knowledge of Cheshire's social status at this place. For all I knew, she could have tried to hit this kid with her car before or something.  
"Ah, Cheshire," he repeated softly and smiled.  
"Do you know her?" I asked.  
"Yes, I do." He said, looking around. "It's good she's your friend; she'll help you."  
"Help me?"

"Yeah..." He dragged out the word as his eyes seemed to settle on something over my head. "And there she is." He pointed to the spot he had been looking at and turned me around again to face it. I recognized Cheshire's dark hair and eye make-up before she started waving to me.  
"Oh, thanks." I mumbled as he gave me a little push in her direction.  
"You'll be fine, Alice," I heard him say softly behind me.  
I started walking, trying to banish the weird feeling that had settled into my stomach. When I reached Cheshire, I saw her smile start to fade as I grabbed her arm and pulled her over to the wall of the cafeteria.  
"Who is that kid?" I whispered pointing to Cameron, still visible amidst the large crowd.  
"Oh, that's Cameron." She replied and smiled. "Did he say something to you?"  
"Yeah, he asked me if I was lost."  
"And..." She looked at me and waited for me to continue.  
"...And what's his deal?"  
"What do you mean?"  
"I don't know. He was just kind of...different."  
"Grab your tray." She pointed to a tray filled with food that sat on the table nearest to us.  
"What?" I asked, wondering where the food had appeared from.  
"Come on, follow me." She started to walk away again, carrying her own tray.  
"I'll tell you all about him in a minute."  
"Okay," I said more to myself than Cheshire. "Whatever you say."

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## Fast Fiction

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Why is it 60 Degrees in January?

by Dara Plath '13  
Portfolio Editor

I wore the wool gloves over the jacket I got for Christmas; topped it with a matching scarf and hat. Then, I stepped outside.

"Yes"

by Justin Fernandez '15  
Portfolio Staff

Was he so careless as to walk headfirst with eyes sealed shut into the storm?

It's Okay—I Just Dreamt It

by Keely Mohin '14  
Asst. Portfolio Editor

A kangaroo broke into my room, hit me with a rotten banana, stole all of my right-footed socks, and ate my alarm clock.




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# SPORTS

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## Super Bowl Preview Issue



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New York Giants quarterback Eli Manning.

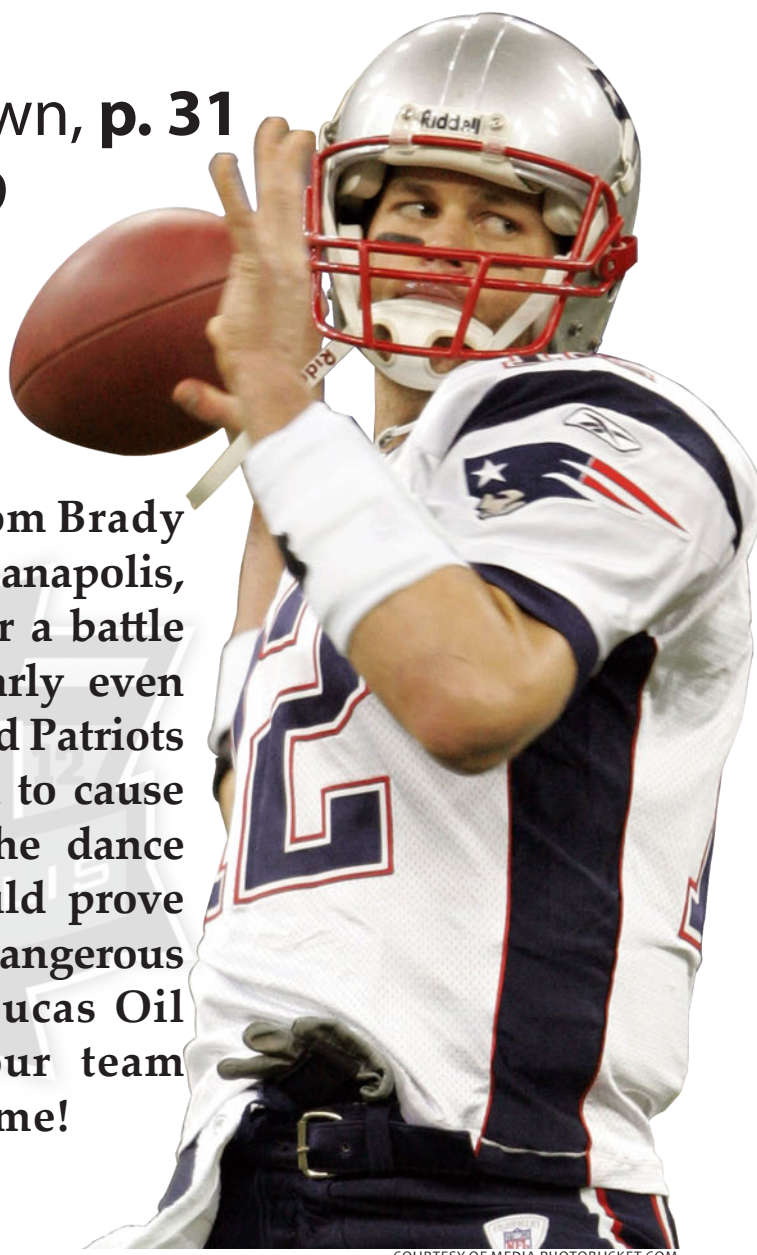
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As Eli Manning and Tom Brady prepare to clash in Indianapolis, PC students prepare for a battle of their own, as a nearly even split between Giants and Patriots fans has already begun to cause tension on campus. The dance floor at McPhail's could prove to be an even more dangerous arena than the turf at Lucas Oil Stadium. So pick your team and enjoy the game!



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New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady.

## Henton Scores 33, Breaks Freshman Record

by Danny McNamara '13  
Sports Staff

### MEN'S BASKETBALL

Whatever LaDontae Henton '15 had for his pregame meal down in South Florida on Saturday night, the Westin, where the Friars eat before home games, should make some of it. Henton poured in 24 first-half points and finished with a PC freshman record 33 in the Friars' 81-78 loss, breaking Ryan Gomes '04's 10-year record of 31 points against Miami.

"At our pregame meal yesterday, I said, 'LaDontae's due for a breakout game,'" said Head Coach Ed Cooley.

The first-year coach seems to know his first recruit quite well. Henton played the entire game, as did Bryce Cotton '14 and Vincent Council '13, going 10-14 from the field and 9-11 from the line. He also hit the boards for seven rebounds.

After the game, Cooley turned to Henton and said, "We're due for a win now, don't you think?"

With the loss at South Florida, the Friars are off to a 1-8 start in the Big East, their worst since 2005. "It's hard," he said when asked about the losing. "We just have to stick together and the wins will come. We keep playing hard every night, so it will come."

In the first 20 minutes, nothing South Florida called on defense could slow down Henton. With the Friars down 14-9



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USF defenders struggle to contain LaDontae Henton '15 in the Friars' three-point loss to the Bulls.

at the 15:17 mark in the first half, Henton headed to the line after a timeout and from there, he never looked back. He was scoring in every possible way for Cooley. He was hitting pull back jumpers from the corners and straight away threes off offensive rebounds, taking it to the hoop.

After Kadeem Batts '14 picked up his third foul, Cooley relied on Henton, Cotton, who finished with 16 points, and Council, who finished with 10 points, for most of the offense.

Henton and Cotton hit back-to-back threes, and after Cooley almost ran on the court and tried to grab an offensive rebound that his team was reluctant to jump on, the Friars led 36-29 with 4:15 left in the half. South Florida went on a 10-3 run to end the half and send the teams to the locker rooms at 39-39.

"I don't want us to feel bad for ourselves, and that's what I just told my players," said a frustrated Cooley. "It is what it is. We're trying to fight every game."

PC was able to get out in the open court at the start of the second half, as Council and Cotton were able to make plays by beating the South Florida defense down the floor. South Florida started off 1-9 from the floor in the second half, giving the Friars many fast break opportunities that they turned into points and led 46-41 with 15:17 to play.

The Friars led 53-47 with 12:17 to play, but after the media timeout, the Bulls began to run. Henton was being blanketed and the Friars couldn't get many good looks. On defense, tired legs resulted in South Florida buckets.

After a 16-1 run by the Bulls, the Friars were kept in the game by two inexcusable fouls by South Florida from behind the arc that gave the Friars six free throws, cutting the deficit to two points. Then, a Bulls player got to the line and missed the second free throw, but he was able to grab his own rebound and let the clock run out.

"From a coaching standpoint, it is eating my guts out," said Cooley. "I told my players losing is something you should be allergic to. You need to hate losing more than you love winning. It is very, very, very frustrating. I see our young men out there trying their best, but right now our program is just not there."



# The CHAMPIONSHIP

With Nick Aiken '12  
Sports Editor

Flight

This Week: Best Par 3s on the PGA Tour

10. 3rd Hole at the Olympic Club (*The U.S. Open*): For the U.S. Open, the hole will play nearly 250 yards. Par will be a great score on this par 3.

9. 12th Hole at Royal Lytham & St. Annes (*The Open Championship*): The lone par 3 on the back nine, this hole's green is tilted and raised, making it difficult to hit in regulation.

8. 10th Hole at Congressional (*AT&T National*): A visually intimidating par 3 with an elevated tee and a green guarded by water in front and bunkers behind and to the right.

7. 3rd Hole at the South Course at Torrey Pines (*Farmers Insurance Open*): Another downhill hole, the third at Torrey Pines has two different tee boxes to provide players with a new challenge each day.

6. 16th Hole at TPC Scottsdale (*Waste Management Phoenix Open*): This hole has become famous for the nearly 50,000 rowdy fans that fill the bleachers surrounding the par 3 on each day of the event.

5. 17th Hole at Pebble Beach (*AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am*): The green on this hole is so narrow that it looks almost non-existent from the tee. Getting near a left pin position is nearly impossible.

4. 17th Hole at the Ocean Course at Kiawah Island (*The PGA Championship*): A very tough par 3 guarded by water short and to the right of the green and waste areas to the left of it. It is quite possibly the toughest hole on the list.

3. 17th Hole at TPC Sawgrass (*The Players Championship*): The 17th at TPC Sawgrass is possibly the most well-known hole in all of golf. Many other courses have island greens, but this is by far the best one.

2. 12th Hole at Augusta National (*The Masters*): This hole is Augusta's shortest hole, but it's also its most picturesque. The green, which sits behind Rae's Creek, is framed by pristinely manicured terrain.

1. 7th Hole at Pebble Beach (*AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am*): The shortest, but most beautiful hole in major championship golf. The wind may allow you to hit wedge one day, but six-iron the next.



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Many professionals have seen their hopes of winning the Masters come to an end at Augusta National's short par 3 12th.



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The Par 3 7th at Pebble Beach is one of the most beautiful and difficult golf holes in the world, despite its short yardage.

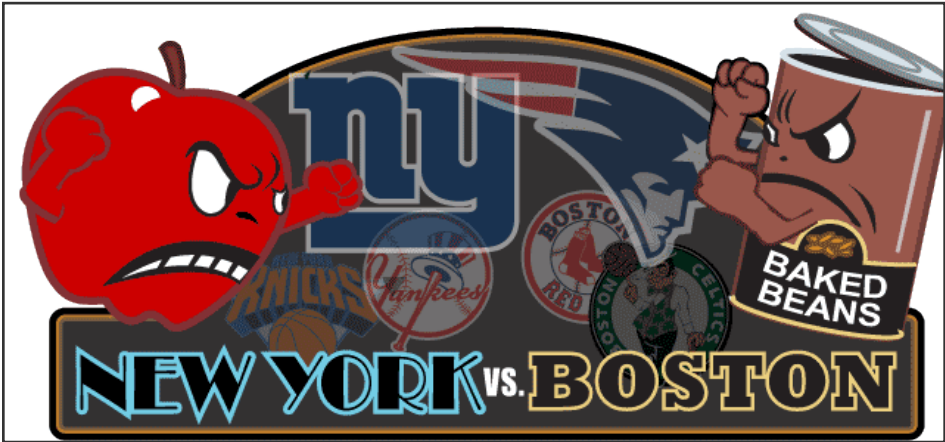
# Big Apple vs. Beantown

No Other Pair of Cities  
Can Muster Up a Rivalry  
Quite Like this One

by Sean Bailey '14  
Sports Staff

COMMENTARY

New York vs. Boston. To us on the East Coast, this is the pinnacle of rivalries, the greatest of contests, and the matchup of two equals in sports. The two cities are notorious for grabbing attention through their big media markets, excessively spending money on their sports, and bullying their will upon other competition. But no matter where you're from, the New York vs. Boston rivalry is undeniably one of the most historically powerful and intriguing in all of sports as well as in a larger historical context. On Sunday, the rivalry is renewed in the largest of games, as



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In every major professional sport, teams from New York and Boston battle one another in some of the nation's most bitter and fierce competitions.

the New York Giants and the New England Patriots clash in the Super Bowl. The game will surely split the PC campus, hometown interests taking precedent for the day. The rivalry has more dynamics than the currently discussed football aspect, though, as the Red Sox vs. Yankees games are considered by many to be the top rivalry in any sport. Historically, victory has belonged to the boys from New York, as they dominated New Englanders' nightmares with victories over the Red Sox led by Bucky Dent in 1978 and Aaron Boone in the 2003 ALCS. And the count of world championships hangs in favor the of Yankees, 27-7, as well. The Red Sox do have some big scores, most notably being the only team to battle back from a 3-0 playoff deficit to win a series, which happened in 2004. The rivalry has even become physical, as fistfights on the field have become almost commonplace (Jason Varitek and Alex Rodriguez, Pedro Martinez and Dom Zimmer,

Gary Sheffield). Well, enough said. And the bad blood has spilled off the diamond as well, as a Yankees fan from Nashua, N.H. was charged with second-degree murder for stabbing a man after arguing about the rivalry. In basketball, the New York vs. Boston battle has taken an opposite script, with the Celtics celebrating 17 championships and the Knicks only two. Both of the teams have been with the NBA since the league's inception in 1949. The teams were famous for their battles in the '60s and '70s, as both teams reigned supreme in the Eastern Conference. The rivalry spiraled downward after the Celtics' tailspin following Larry Bird's retirement, and both teams hit a rare lull in the 2000s after the Knicks lost Patrick Ewing. But recently, the teams have renewed the rivalry, as they met in the playoffs last season with the Celtics closing the curtain on the Knicks' season, sweeping the series. But back to the football! Think the Pats and Giants are the only

football rivalry? False! The Jets vs. the Pats is of course the major New York/Boston football rivalry since both squads are in the same division. Their series is near even, with the Pats holding a one-win advantage over the Jets. The rivalry was really kicked up a notch when the Jets hired controversial coach Rex Ryan, who immediately laid the challenge on the Patriots, saying he was not hired to kiss Bill Belichick's rings. The Jets also famously upset the heavily favored Patriots last season, sparking Bart Scott's famous "Can't wait!" quote. Surprisingly, it has been the Giants, not the Jets, who have recently been the Patriot killers, as the younger Manning brother is now emerging to the forefront of the Patriots' minds. In the 2007 regular season, the Patriots beat the Giants in the Meadowlands in Week 17 to complete their perfect regular season. That game pales in the minds of most fans, though, as the Giants famously upset the 18-0 Patriots in the Super Bowl, receiving outstanding contributions from the dynamic defensive line, unknown receiver David Tyree, and quarterback Eli Manning. This year, the Giants came into Foxboro and recreated their Super Bowl magic, emerging victorious again. For the Patriots, it was their last loss of the season, as they stormed to a 13-3 record. The Giants tailed slightly following the contest, but in the past several weeks, they have never looked better. Manning is moving into the elite quarterback category and the defensive line is playing as good, if not better than it did in 2007. This game promises to be yet another glorious chapter in the New York/Boston rivalry.



# Okafor Nets 18 Points, Friars Coast Past Pitt

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WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

With less than a month to go in the women’s basketball season, and especially in an ultra-competitive Big East Conference, every win is important. Coming out of a stretch with three of their last four games against ranked opponents, PC started one of the easier parts of its season against a Pittsburgh team that was winless in conference play. And on Saturday, the Friars rode a hot second half to a 66-50 win over the Panthers.

Early in the game, PC relied on dominant play in the paint from Lauren Okafor ’14. Okafor had 13 points, eight rebounds, and three blocks in the game. Pittsburgh hung with PC through most of the first half, as the score was tied 17-17 with 4:46 left, but then the Friars’ shooters took over. They ended the half on an 11-4 run and took a seven-point lead into the break.

PC’s hot streak continued in the second half where, despite shooting a rather low 43% from the field, an impressive 54% from behind the arc and solid defense put the game out of Pittsburgh’s reach. Playing without leading scorer Teya Wright ’12, others had to step up—and they did. Rachel Barnes ’12 led the scoring with 15 points,

and Lauren Okafor ’14 and Lola Wells ’12 contributed 13 points apiece.

PC won on Saturday with a solid all-around effort, but the same was not true on Tuesday night when they lost to Syracuse, 80-54. A usually solid PC defense was outmuscled by a larger Syracuse team. On the offensive end, the Syracuse 2-3-zone gave the Friars fits all night long. The two commonly accepted ways to beat a 2-3-zone are to either shoot or rebound your way out of it, but PC could do neither, shooting only 36% from the field and getting out-rebounded 32-16. Wright was back in the line-up for this game and, as usual, led the Friars in scoring with 15 points.

PC continues to hang around the middle of the Big East standings, an accomplishment in a conference with five ranked teams and another two receiving votes in the coaches’ poll. With tournaments looming, the next few games are very important. The Friars have three very winnable games coming up before finishing the regular season with an absolutely brutal last four, three of them against currently ranked teams.

First, the Friars will face Villanova on the road on Saturday Feb. 4 before returning home to face off against Cincinnati on February 7 and Seton Hall on February 11. The Friars will need to play well if they are to take down these three talented Big East opponents.



SAADIA AHMAD '14/THE COWL

Brianna Edwards ’13 and the Lady Friars were outplayed by Syracuse on Tuesday night, falling by a final score of 80-54.

# Lacasse Sets Another Record

by **Meg O’Neill ’12**  
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WOMEN’S ICE HOCKEY

Goaltender Genevieve Lacasse ’12 led the Providence College Women’s Ice Hockey Team to back-to-back victories this past weekend over Hockey East rival, Connecticut.

On Saturday, the Friars brought down UConn, 2-0, at Schneider Arena. This was the seventh game in a row in which the Friars were the first team to strike. While the first period remained scoreless, Kate Bacon ’12 took advantage of UConn’s turnover at the 12:01 mark in the second period. She found the back of the net from the slot, burying the puck behind UConn’s goaltender.

The rest of the game would remain scoreless except for the Friars’ empty-net goal late in the third period. Jessica Vella ’13 put this insurance goal away off of the pass from Abby Gauthier ’12.

On Sunday, the Friars travelled to Storrs, Connecticut to face the Huskies once more. Again, the Friars were the first to score—this time just 2:21 into the game when Ashley Cottrell ’12 ripped the puck at the net following a face-off. The goaltender managed to make the initial save, but Nicole Anderson ’13 was close to follow, putting the rebound between the posts.

The Huskies were quick to follow with the tying score, but the Friars answered. Vella drove into the neutral zone and managed to feed Gauthier in the slot, who then put the puck away. At the end of the first, the Friars led 2-1.

The middle period only saw one goal by the Huskies, tying the game at two, but then things picked up in the third. The start of the period was dominated by Beth Hanrahan ’15. She skated through numerous defenders to find her shot and scored the eventual game-winner just 3:32 into the period. Late in the period, Hanrahan was able to deflect the shot off Jen Friedman ’12 into the net, increasing the lead to 4-2.

The final Friar goal of the game was an empty-netter by Gauthier, giving her two goals and one assist on the weekend.

“[The win] was huge for our Hockey East standings,” Lacasse explained. “It really helped the morale of the team and we took it into our own hands.”

These two wins gave Lacasse the school record for most career wins. In fact, she now holds every goaltending record for the PC Women’s Ice Hockey program. Along with 59 career victories, these feats include games-played (119), career saves (3,211), saves in a season (948), and shutouts (17).

“It is a terrific accomplishment and I’m proud of her,” stated Head Coach Bob Deraney.

Lacasse is very humbled by this achievement and stated, “I’ve looked up to goalies who have played here before me. It is a great honor just to be listed among them.”

Looking at the Friars’ past 10 games, it is clear that they are on the right track. They have been the first to score in the past eight games and have been capitalizing on the mistakes of opponents.

“We’re beginning to play in a more effective style that suits us,” explained Deraney. “Sunday it showed up on the scoreboard.”

On Saturday, the Friars outshot UConn 47-19, and on Sunday, the Friars had only 24 shots, but five of them found the back of the net.

“This is a direct progression of the things we have been doing,” Deraney said. “You can’t all of a sudden become good at something. It is not a coincidence that all of a sudden we scored five goals.”

Everything is starting to fall into place. The Friars look forward to taking on Hockey East rivalsthenextthreeweekends and having the opportunity to rise in the standing. This Saturday, the Friars travel to Boston College to take on a team that is currently atop the conference standings.

“There was a terrific team effort on and off the ice,” he said. “The players who don’t play a lot of minutes are doing lot of extra work on their own. It shows they care about the team and everyone’s contribution matters.”

# UNH Awaits Men’s Hockey

by **Alexis Smith ’12**  
Sports Staff

MEN’S ICE HOCKEY

The Men’s Ice Hockey team only played one game this weekend, and it was against fifth-ranked Merrimack on Sunday afternoon in a Hockey East game played at Lawler Arena in North Andover, Mass. The Friars lost, 4-2, in a game in which the Warriors scored two power-play goals.

“We had a good week of practice working on things to get better at as a team, such as executing our system while making some minor adjustments to Merrimack’s system,” said Myles Harvey ’13. “Our main focus was to go into their rink and go after them first and be physical.”

Merrimack took a 1-0 lead at the 2:45 mark in the first period when their Rhett Bly scored on a rebound in front of the net. PC evened the score at one goal apiece with a power-play goal at the 9:29 mark when Stefan Demopoulos ’15



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Goalie Alex Beaudry ’12 poses for the camera.

pounced on a loose puck in front of the net to gain his fifth goal of the season and his first on the man advantage. The assists came from Kevin Hart ’14 and Derek Army ’14.

The Warriors then regained the lead with 55 seconds left in the period when Karl Stollery scored on a four-on-three power play, a five-minute man advantage that overlapped into the second period.

And they didn’t stop there. The Warriors scored a second goal on the same five-minute major, as Josh Myers got his second goal of the season at the 3:01 mark of the second period to increase his team’s lead to 3-1. The Friars answered with a goal at the 5:04 mark with their second power-play goal of the game. Hart slid a pass to Harvey who fired a quick slap shot past Merrimack goaltender Joe Cannata. This marked Harvey’s fifth goal of the season. It was assisted by Ross Mauermann ’15.

“We just take it one goal at a time,” said Head Coach Nate Leaman. “The guys played better than they did in their past two matches against Merrimack.”

Merrimack fought hard in the third period and then capitalized on an empty-netter which sealed the win. The Friars did outshoot the Warriors, 39-23, and goaltender Alex Beaudry ’12 had 19 saves.

“The team played a very good game,” says Harvey. “It might have been our best executed game in the second half of the season, despite the loss.”

When talking about their next game Leaman said, “We don’t have a player on our team that has beat UNH, so we want to make it a good game.”

The Friars’ next game will be at 7:30 P.M. on Friday, Feb. 3 in Durham, N.H. when they take on the Wildcats.

“The next couple games against New Hampshire are going to be a big test,” says Harvey. “We are treating this weekend’s series against them as a playoff series, hopefully we come out showing a lot of heart and hunger.”





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Which Team will Win the  
Super Bowl on Sunday?

New York Giants

Déjà Blue. In 2007, the Giants did the unthinkable, beating the then-undefeated Patriots in the Super Bowl to cap off a miraculous run through the playoffs. Sound familiar? It should. Through an up-and-down season, Big Blue and its quarterback, Eli Manning, once again proved why you should never discount the New York Giants. As underdogs in both road games this post season, the “Road Warriors” found a way to win. And the journey isn’t over yet, as a date with the Patriots looms this Sunday for the Lombardi Trophy. The two teams faced off in Week 9, where the Giants squeaked by the Pats at Foxborough. That was then, though, as I’m sure every Patriots fan is saying. However, the Giants were without Hakeem Nicks and Ahmad Bradshaw, who, as you’ve seen in the playoffs, are two possible game changers, not to mention the rejuvenated Giants’ D that seems to step up during crucial games. Oh, and can we finally all agree that Eli Manning is at least in Tom Brady’s class? Brady is, of course, one of the best quarterbacks of our generation, if not NFL history, but give Eli credit; he has proven he can compete against and beat the best. We know both teams can score, but this game will be decided on the defensive end. The game will be a nail-biter, but the G-Men will pull off yet another strong fourth quarter behind Eli. The defense will contain the uncontainable Brady and will do what it has been doing the past five games—win. Regardless of how the two teams play, though, do you know who won’t win? The fans watching the half-time show. Madonna? C’mon, man.

-James Kirby ’15

New England Patriots

I was born and raised in New Jersey as a Giants fan. I have eight Giants jerseys, including two each of Eli Manning’s and Hakeem Nicks’. When I went to the Giants vs. Patriots game in November at Gillette Stadium, I was the smart guy that decided to wear an “ELITE” shirt. I shed tears of joy when I was in the stands for their NFC-East-clinching victory over the Dallas Cowboys on New Year’s Day. Of course, I’m picking the Giants, right? Wrong. In 2007, I picked the Giants to lose in the Divisional round against the number-one seed Dallas Cowboys, in the NFC Championship against the number-two seed Green Bay Packers, and of course against the best team ever to play the game, the then 18-0 New England Patriots in the Super Bowl. We all know what happened; just ask David Tyree’s helmet or Eli Manning’s jersey that was stretched so far that Vince Wilfork could use it as a blanket. In 2011, I picked the Giants to lose in the divisional round against the top-seeded Green Bay Packers, in the NFC Championship game against the second-seeded San Francisco 49ers, and now, of course, against the best quarterback to ever play—three-time Lombardi Trophy winner Tom Brady. Call it reverse psychology, madness, or simply genius. Eli Manning has the better defense, the more lethal weapons in Victor Cruz, Hakeem Nicks, and Mario Manningham, and a better running game, even though it struggled until recently. But Tom Brady has Rob “Gronk” Gronkowski, and this year, Gronk is all he has needed, and will need, to win his fourth Lombardi Trophy. I predict the Patriots will win by a score of 23-17.

-Danny McNamara ’13

Runners Qualify for Big  
East Championships

by Patrick Shea ’14  
Sports Staff

TRACK

On Saturday, the Men’s Track Team went back to Boston for the Boston University Terrier Invitational. The men continued to perform at the high standards they set for themselves in the Greater Boston meet at which David McCarthy ’12 set a new school record and the New England Collegiate record for fastest time in the mile. McCarthy flew over the finish line in a dumbfounding time of 3:55.75, breaking the old school record set by Andy Keith in 1994. McCarthy has qualified himself for the NCAA tournament. Julian Matthews ’12 clocked in at 4:02.08, which was good enough for fifth place. He was followed by Rhode Island native Corey Brunelle ’12. Both Matthews and Brunelle’s times qualify them for the Big East Championships. Shane Quinn ’15 qualified for the Big East Championships in the 3,000-meter, Jonathan Hopkins ’14 qualified in the 5,000-meter, and Nik Andrews ’14 finished the 400-meter in a time of 49.65 to qualify as well.

The Women’s Track Team competed in the Boston University Terrier Invitational on Friday. Emily Sisson ’14, in her first-ever mile run, recorded the third fastest time in the nation, finishing in 4:38.91. Laura Nagel ’14 also ran the mile and clocked in just ahead of Mary Kate Champagne ’12. All three athletes qualified for the Big East Championships. Hannah Davidson ’12 turned in another incredible performance in the women’s 3,000 meter with a time of 9:22.53. When asked about the upcoming Terrier Invitational last week Davidson had said, “I’m excited for Terrier this weekend. It’ll be the first real test to see where I’m at. The goal is to run under 9:20 and just see how close I can get to the NCAA qualifying time.” Davidson just missed her personal goal by two seconds, but she did qualify for the championships along with teammates Charlotte Ffrench O’Carroll ’12 and Grace Thek ’14. In the 1,000-meter, Devyn Pryor ’15 qualified for the Big East Championship, and Sam Roecker ’13 qualified for the event in the 5,000-meter with a time of 17:30.99.

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by Bridget Stack ’13  
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SPORTS DIGEST

**Only that Much?** Money has always been a touchy subject matter in professional sports, so it should be no surprise that David Ortiz and the Boston Red Sox are heading to a hearing in order to figure out his salary. The Red Sox offered Ortiz a measly \$12.65 million for 2012, only \$150,000 greater than what the power hitter was paid in 2011. Ortiz, who believes he is worth *way* more, is bringing the arbitration case to hearing in hope of raising his salary to a low \$16.5 million dollars. Oh, if only major league baseball players were like us normal folk. Though the four million dollar difference between what the Red Sox want to pay Ortiz and the amount Ortiz wants is a significant amount, general manager Ben Cherington reassures fans that it would not affect future moves by the Red Sox. Phew, I was worried!

**Yeah, Let’s Avoid That.** Though it is every college athlete’s dream to win a national championship, it seems that if you are a basketball player, you should wait until your senior year to win it. For the past two years, the defending national champions in men’s basketball were unable to continue their good fortune in the NCAA tournament. One has to go back to 2007 and the Florida Gators winning consecutive National Championships to find a team that made it past the Sweet Sixteen in the tournament. It looks as if this year is going to be the continuation of the curse. The University of Connecticut defeated Butler to win the National Championship in 2011, but this season, the Huskies are looking anything but up to top form. Though starting off the season strong with a number four ranking in the preseason, UConn is 4-4 in the Big East, and 14-6 overall. With the Huskies currently experiencing

a three-game slide, people are starting to speculate if the Huskies will make it to the tournament at all. C’mon, UConn, break the curse!

**Sign Right There.** National signing day is a holiday for college football fans. Waiting with bated breath to see just where the top recruits in the nation are going to commit. Though favorites such as Alabama and Florida State University got their draw of players, the Big East—the one conference not known for football—landed a few solid recruits. Rutgers, West Virginia, Pittsburgh and the newest Big East member Texas Christian University all landed recruits in the Top 150. This will definitely help the Big East build its lackluster football program. Go, Big East!

**Check That Out.** If anyone has been on YouTube, Yahoo, or ESPN, then you have most likely seen the dunk that has splashed Blake Griffin’s name in the press. For those of you that did not see it, Griffin drove, elevated and made contact with Oklahoma City’s Kendrick Perkins and forcibly threw down the ball. Though fans, teammates and sport announcers alike are impressed, there is one that is not: Kevin Durant. As the dunk was against his team, that is no surprise, but claiming that a dunk like this is equivalent to a layup is soon to cause some backlash.

**On-Campus Game to Watch.** West Virginia travels to Providence on Sunday, Feb. 5 to face off against the Friars. This Big East match-up takes place at 12:00 p.m. in the Dunkin Donuts Center. The Friars are looking to continue their winning streak against West Virginia.

**Off-Campus Game to Watch.** Though the rivalry is not as intense as the Men’s Ice Hockey team, the Women’s Hockey Team faces off against Boston College. This match-up takes place at Boston College at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 4. Go Lady Friars!

HENTON: Friars Pick Up  
Win Against Rutgers, 78-67

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The Friars continue to score against every defense that is thrown at them, whether in Cooley’s practices or in games. South Florida came into the game leading the Big East in defense, only allowing 59.0 points per game, but the Friars had 39 at the break and finished with 78. “The physicality of these games is costing us,” said Cooley, referring to the 16-1 run the Bulls went on midway through the second half. “It still comes down to guarding someone. We have to guard if we’re going to win games.” The Friars will take on West Virginia, who recently fell victim to a resurgent Pittsburgh team. “This conference is tough,” Cooley added. “If we’re the last place team and [we] have to fight that hard to win, what does that say about our league?” Last night, the Friars defeated the Rutgers Scarlet Knights, 78-67. Bilal Dixon ’13 led the Friars with 18 points and 10 rebounds, recording his first double-double of the year. Council also posted a double-double, scoring 11 points and adding 14 assists. Additionally, Cotton scored 17 points, Henton scored 15, and Coleman scored 15.



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Bilal Dixon ’13 compiled 18 points and 10 rebounds against Rutgers last night.



# Roach Continues Rugby Career in Ireland

by Patrick Shea '14  
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RUGBY

While a student at the Bellarmine College Preparatory School in San Jose, Calif., Benjamin Roach '14 left his mark on more than just the rugby program. Not only a talented player, Roach proved to be a great promoter of the game, especially to the student body at his high school, helping increase the number of players from 18 in 2007 to 60 in 2010 when he graduated. Even more impressively, he was able to amass over 213 hours of community service during his four years at Bellarmine Prep. His efforts earned him the 2010 Kevin Higgins Scholarship Grant from the United States Rugby Football Foundation, a \$1,000 scholarship given to deserving high school seniors who plan on continuing rugby in college. When asked why he decided to come to Providence College, Roach said, "My national team's coach recommended Providence College rugby, and as soon as I talked to a few of the players, I had my heart set on PC. It has been one of the best decisions I have made." Since arriving at PC, Roach has always been an impact player, proving himself to be one of the top-scoring threats in the conference. "Ben has been a great addition to Providence College," PC Head Coach Michael Cox said. "He is the first at practice and the last to leave, always making sure he says thank you before he departs. He works as hard off the field as he does on it. He also helps out with any new rugby players, teaching them the game of rugby. I am happy to have Ben here. I feel strongly that he will do great things in his life." Roach helped PC qualify for the New England Rugby Championship and the finals for the Beast of the East Tournament. Towards the end of last season, Roach decided to entertain his dream

of playing for a national rugby team and began promoting himself. Not long after that, he was contacted by the Young Munster-Munster rugby team of Limerick, Ireland. At the end of the year, he hopped on a plane and found himself playing rugby and attending school in Ireland with great success. "I am very excited about Benjamin joining UL/Rugby Academy," says the Munster Academy Head Coach. "He has achieved a great deal in rugby at such a young age and displays a tremendous hunger to develop as a player. All his coaches refer to his outstanding characteristics both on and off the field, and I look forward to Benjamin adding those traits to our academy and assisting him to maximize his potential." Roach, or "Yankee" as they call him in Ireland, has had an incredible season in Limerick. Athletes like Roach on the Young Munster team can be called up at any time to compete on the senior team much like the Providence Bruins or the Paw Sox in Rhode Island. He has been called up four times and has recorded three tries and 48 tackles while amassing a total playing time of 80 minutes. He is one of two Americans playing for the Young Munster team; the other is Liam Og Murphy of the University of California, Berkley. Roach returned to the United States to celebrate the holidays with his family in California. While at home, he coached a rugby clinic in Santa Clara, Calif., to help Americans better understand the game of rugby and inspire the same love of the sport that he has. "You have to take charge of your career," he told the kids. "Train in the off-season, learn more about the game, and believe in yourself. Be pro-active: make contact with coaches and teams you're interested in playing for. Just because they haven't contacted you doesn't mean they're not interested. Develop and maintain a network of rugby contacts- rugby is such socially-centered game that is very easy to do if you just put a little effort into it."

# Giplaye Says Transfer Rumors are "Nonsense"

by Julia Claudy '13  
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MEN'S BASKETBALL

PC Men's Basketball Head Coach Ed Cooley expects big things from his players; his mission is to create a powerhouse team that is respected and feared in the Big East. In replacing former Head Coach Keno Davis, Cooley has had his work cut out for him as he has had to restructure an unsuccessful program. While the 2011-2012 season has been a bit of a headache so far, Friar fans look forward to next year's promising line-up with hope. ESPN.com has ranked PC's recruiting class among the top 10 in the nation, above currently dominant teams such as Kansas and Syracuse. One of the top recruits is Providence native Ricky Ledo who looks forward to joining the PC line-up and representing his hometown. With the talent in next year's freshman class, the current players are well aware that their positions and playing time could be jeopardized greatly.

Amongst all the hype surrounding the strong recruiting class, rumors have been flying around the Internet about current players making plans to transfer to Towson University in Maryland. Ron Giplaye '14 and Bilal Dixon '13 were the two players affiliated with the rumor on sports Web sites such as Friarblog, Buzztap, and BigEastBoards. Towson's Head Coach Pat Skerry was an assistant coach at PC from 2008 to 2010, and during this time, he discovered Giplaye at Newark High School in Delaware and recruited him for the Friars. It seems that assumptions were made based on Skerry's past interaction with him because Giplaye dismissed the rumors in a conversation I had with him, referring to them as "nonsense." He insisted that he had no intention of leaving PC and is unsure of where the rumors may have started. Speculations of Dixon's decision to transfer have not been cleared because he declined to comment on the situation. His teammates, however, suspect that the rumors in his case are completely untrue as well.

## Got a Minute?

Alexis Smith '12 catches up with Michael Noyes '12 of the Men's Lacrosse Team.



Michael Noyes  
#30  
Senior  
Defense  
Men's Lacrosse  
Ocean City, Md.

**Greatest Fear:**  
Spiders  
**Superpower of Choice:**  
The ability to read minds  
**Sport You're Bad At:**  
Golf  
**Favorite Restaurant:**  
Chipotle  
**Who Would Play You in a Movie:**  
Tom Cruise  
**Favorite M&M Color:**  
Green

# Editors Predict: Who Will Win Super Bowl XLVI?

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LaDontae Henton  
Men’s Basketball  
Freshman—Lansing, Mich.

Henton has become a key player for the Friars over the past few games, first scoring a career-high 33 points against USF, and then scoring 15 points against Rutgers.



Genevieve Lacasse  
Women’s Ice Hockey  
Senior—Kingston, Ontario

Lacasse was named Hockey East Defensive Player of the Week. This is the ninth time that she has recieved this award in her career at Providence.

Scores	Schedules
<div>Wednesday, 1/25</div> <div>Men’s Basketball at PittsburghL, 86-74</div> <div>Saturday, 1/28</div> <div>Women’s Basketball vs.PittsburghW, 66-50</div> <div>Women’s Ice Hockey vs. ConnecticutW, 2-0</div> <div>Sunday, 1/29</div> <div>Men’s Basketball at USFL,81-78</div> <div>Women’s Ice Hockey at ConnecticutW, 5-2</div> <div>Men’s Ice Hockey at MerrimackL, 4-2</div> <div>Tuesday, 1/31</div> <div>Women’s Basketball vs. SyracuseL, 80-54</div> <div>Wednesday, 2/1</div> <div>Men’s Basketball vs. RutgersW, 78-67</div>	<div>Friday, 2/3</div> <div>Men’s Ice Hockey at New Hampshire7:30 p.m.</div> <div>Saturday, 2/4</div> <div>Women’s Basketball at Villanova2:00 p.m.</div> <div>Women’s Ice Hockey at Boston College2:00 p.m</div> <div>Men’s Ice Hockey vs. New Hampshire7:00 p.m.</div> <div>Sunday, 2/5</div> <div>Men’s Basketball vs. West Virginia12:00 p.m.</div> <div>Tuesday, 2/7</div> <div>Men’s Basketball at Villanova8:00 p.m.</div> <div>Women’s Basketball vs. Cincinnati7:00 p.m.</div>

Standings

Men’s Big East Basketball							Women’s Hockey East						
Team	Big East			Overall			Team	Big East			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T		W	L	T	W	L	T
Syracuse	9	1	0	22	1	0	Boston College	11	3	2	18	7	3
Marquette	8	2	0	19	4	0	Northeastern	11	3	2	17	6	3
Georgetown	7	3	0	17	4	0	Boston University	9	7	0	15	12	1
Notre Dame	6	3	0	14	8	0	<b>Providence</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>3</b>
USF	6	3	0	13	9	0	Maine	7	6	2	13	8	6
Louisville	5	4	0	17	5	0	New Hampshire	4	9	2	10	15	3
Cincinnati	5	4	0	15	7	0	Vermont	3	10	2	4	16	6
West Virginia	5	5	0	15	8	0	Connecticut	2	10	3	3	18	7
Connecticut	4	5	0	14	7	0							
Seton Hall	4	6	0	15	7	0							
Rutgers	4	6	0	12	11	0							
St. John’s	3	6	0	9	12	0							